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SAF Donates \$5,000 to Promote Financial Literacy Efforts at The University of Montana

The University of Montana Business Services Financial Literacy group received a welcome surprise Thursday — a \$5,000 check from Student Assistance Foundation (SAF) to help fund the ongoing development of their campus-wide financial literacy program. SAF representatives Nolan Glueckert and Mary Howard were on hand to present the check to Rosi Keller, associate vice president for administration and finance at UM.

“At SAF, we recognize the importance of developing healthy money management skills to ensure future financial success,” said Mary Howard, SAF’s financial literacy program manager. “By making financial literacy a priority, UM is providing valuable tools to their students while they are in school. And once they graduate, those students will be equipped with the knowledge to make a positive difference in their own lives and in their communities. We’re excited to be a part of the financial literacy efforts at UM because we share a dedication to their students’ success.”

The award ceremony took place in conjunction with a university system-wide meeting on Thursday at the UC Center.

At that meeting, Glueckert, SAF outreach manager at UM, and member of the UM’s financial literacy group, presented the results of a recent survey conducted on campus to assess what UM students wanted to receive in terms of financial literacy information. More than 400 students responded to the survey. The information received will play an important role in determining the direction the financial literacy group takes in developing the next stages of its project plan.

The group began working on the issue of improving financial literacy among college students earlier this year. The program’s slogan is: “Think now. Save today. Enjoy tomorrow.”

To view the group’s financial literacy site, visit umt.edu/finlit.

Student Assistance Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Montana corporation that provides students with knowledge and tools to finance and pursue their postsecondary education. Funds generated by SAF are returned to Montanans in the form of education grants and public benefit programs - to date more than \$23.3 million. For more information, visit www.safmt.org or www.SmartAboutCollege.org.