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**SAF to Host “Wild West” Golf Scramble on Aug. 8 to Raise Scholarship Funds**

Twenty-seven teams from across Montana and throughout the nation will gather at Helena’s Green Meadow Country Club on Thursday, Aug. 8 at 12:30 p.m. to play a round of golf, try their luck at on-course games and raise funds to support nonprofit Student Assistance Foundation’s Circle of Succe\$\$ scholarship program.

“In this, our eighth year of hosting the golf scramble, our theme is the Wild West,” said Pat Schlauch, event coordinator. “We’re inviting our friends from all over to pull on their boots and spurs, saddle up, and help SAF bankroll Circle of Succe\$\$ Scholarships for Montana students.”

These \$1,000 Circle of Succe\$\$ scholarships are provided annually to second, third and fourth-year college students from across Montana. SAF’s goal is to provide at least 56 scholarships every year, one in honor of each Montana county. To date, SAF has distributed \$467,000 through this program.

2013 Circle of Succe\$\$ Scholarship recipient Katie DeLauriers is the mother of two girls and is studying at Montana State University for a career in the medical field.

“I am excited to someday be the first college graduate of my own immediate family,” DeLauriers, 34, of Belgrade. “Thank you for the support of the Circle of Succe\$\$ scholarship. These funds will not be wasted!”

Following the scramble, participants will head into the clubhouse for a hoedown to enjoy hors d’oeuvres and music, awards and prizes. All proceeds will be used to fund scholarships.

According to Schlauch, Circle of Succe\$\$ scholarships are particularly meaningful to SAF employees because the program was originally funded solely through voluntary employee contributions. Today, private donations and funds raised through events like the golf scramble, the Out of the Blue Bash, and Running Amuck for Scholarship Bucks add to that pool.

“SAF would like to thank all of our participants, along with our generous sponsors and donors for their support,” said Schlauch. “We couldn’t do this without them!”

*Student Assistance Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Montana corporation that provides students with knowledge and tools to pursue and fund 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 \$27 million. For more information, visit [www.safmt.org](http://www.safmt.org) or [www.SmartAboutCollege.org](http://www.SmartAboutCollege.org).*