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SAF to Host Adventure-themed Golf Scramble on Aug. 6 to Raise Scholarship Funds

Seventeen teams from across Montana and throughout the nation will gather at Helena's Green Meadow Country Club on Thursday, Aug. 6 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 Success scholarship program.

"This marks SAF's 10th year of hosting the golf scramble," said Sharon Eslick, event coordinator. "We're asking participants to swing into action on behalf of Montana's greatest jewel — its students."

These \$1,000 Circle of Success scholarships are provided annually to second, third and fourth-year college students from across Montana. In addition, in 2015, SAF added graduating seniors from Graduation Matters Montana schools, and those who serve on Superintendent Denise Juneau's GMM Student Advisory Board, to that mix. SAF's goal is to provide at least 56 scholarships every year, one in honor of each Montana county. To date, SAF has distributed \$612,000 through this program.

Following the scramble, participants will head into the clubhouse to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and music, awards and prizes. Indiana Jones might even make an appearance on the golf course!

According to Eslick, Circle of Success 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 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," Eslick said. "Without them, events like this wouldn't be possible."

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 \$30 million. For more information, visit www.safmt.org or www.SmartAboutCollege.org.