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SAF to Host “Lucky” Seventh Annual Golf Scramble to Raise Scholarship Funds

Twenty teams from across Montana and throughout the nation will gather at Helena’s Green Meadow Country Club on Thursday, Aug. 9 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 honor of the seven years that SAF has been providing Circle of Succe\$\$ scholarships for lucky Montana students, this year’s golf scramble will follow a Las Vegas theme,” said Pat Schlauch, event coordinator. “We’re hoping to hit the jackpot when it comes to raising money to help students pay for their postsecondary education and costs associated with that.”

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 \$404,000 through this program.

Macy Ropp, a 2012 Circle of Succe\$\$ recipient, is studying at Montana State University to become a registered nurse. Eventually, she would like to earn her master’s degree and become a family nurse practitioner in her community.

“My community gave me everything I needed to live and grow, and it’s my turn to show them how grateful I am,” she said. “I want to make a difference in the lives of the people around me.”

Following the scramble, participants will enjoy hors d’oeuvres and music, and bid on silent auction items. 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.

“SAF would like to thank all of our participants, along with our generous sponsors and donors for going ‘all in’ for Montana students,” said Schlauch. “We couldn’t do this without your support!”

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 \$25 million. For more information, visit www.safmt.org or www.SmartAboutCollege.org.

