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**Miles Community College to Receive \$13,779 in Acce\$\$ Grant Funds from SAF**

Miles Community College will receive \$13,779 in Acce\$\$ Grant funds from nonprofit Student Assistance Foundation (SAF) on Wednesday, Feb. 8. Since 2000, the school has received \$113,038 through this program.

Dr. Stefani Hicswa, president, Jessie Dufner, dean of Enrollment Services, Darren Pitcher, vice president of Student Success and Institutional Research, and Loren Lancaster, financial aid director, will accept the award from SAF Campus Outreach Manager Josh Sloan. The award ceremony will take place at 2:30 p.m. in James P. Lucas Hall.

Acce\$\$ Grants are awarded each year by SAF through financial aid offices at all Montana postsecondary schools, including tribal and private institutions, and two-year and four-year schools. The amount awarded to each school is determined by enrollment numbers. Financial aid officers use the grants to help students in need pay for their education. Individual award amounts vary by individual and are determined by the financial aid office.

This year, the total award amount being distributed to colleges and universities is \$1.25 million, bringing the grand total of Acce\$\$ funds provided by SAF since the program's inception in 2000 to \$9.47 million.

*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 \$22.4 million. For more information, visit [www.safmt.org](http://www.safmt.org) or [www.smartaboutcollege.org](http://www.smartaboutcollege.org).*