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**MSU-Billings, Rocky Mountain College and Little Big Horn College to Receive Acce\$\$ Grant Funds from SAF**

Montana State University Billings, Rocky Mountain College and Little Big Horn College will receive Acce\$\$ Grant funds from nonprofit Student Assistance Foundation (SAF) in separate award ceremonies on Monday, Nov. 21.

Rolf Groseth, chancellor at MSU-Billings, Judy Chapman, financial aid director, and Leslie Weldon, financial aid office staff member, will accept the award from SAF representatives Darbie Hess, grants manager, and Kalie Porter, outreach manager. The presentation ceremony for \$145,306 will take place at 10 a.m. in the Chancellor's Office. Since 2000, MSU-Billings has received \$1.05 million through the Acce\$\$ Grant program.

In an 11 a.m. presentation ceremony in the President's Office at Rocky Mountain College, Michael Mace, president, and Jessica Francischetti, financial aid director, will receive a check for \$25,053 from Hess and Porter. Since 2000, Rocky Mountain College has received \$193,425 through the Acce\$\$ Grant program.

At Little Big Horn College, David Yarlott, president, Beverly Snell, financial aid director, and Kimmy Walks, financial aid office staff member, will accept the award of \$9,520 from Hess and Porter in a 2 p.m. ceremony in the President's Office. Since 2000, Little Big Horn College has received \$63,759 through the Acce\$\$ Grant program.

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).*