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SAF Donates \$1,000 to Ronan Team Headed to World Robotics Competition

Nonprofit Student Assistance Foundation (SAF) has donated \$1,000 to help Ronan High School's Robotics team, SD30 Robotics, fund its upcoming trip to the World Robotics Championships in St. Louis.

"Student Assistance Foundation is honored to provide support to this talented group of young adults as they represent Montana in this international competition," said Mary Howard, general manager of campus outreach for SAF. "They demonstrate the type of innovation and dedication to academic success that SAF encourages in all Montana students."

Teams at the robotics competition must maneuver their robots over and around obstacles on a 12-foot by 12-foot field while performing tasks — like moving PVC tubes around the field — to earn points.

The team — formed 6 years ago — advances to the world robotics competition following great success in qualifying matches, including winning the Inspire Award at the Montana First Technical Challenge in Bozeman and posting the highest qualifying score in the nation this year.

Team members include Troy McMillan, Thane Tobol, Collin Hardy, Alex Killian, Bradly Findly, J.T. Probst, Hunter Shima and Tyler Sassaman.

Student Assistance Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Montana corporation that provides students with knowledge and tools to finance and pursue 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 \$20.1 million. For more information, visit www.safmt.org or www.smartaboutcollege.org.