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The University of Montana-Helena to Receive \$23,825 in Acce\$\$ Grant Funds from SAF

The University of Montana-Helena College of Technology will receive \$23,825 in Acce\$\$ Grant funds from nonprofit Student Assistance Foundation (SAF) on Thursday, Jan. 26. Since 2000, the school has received \$178,661 through this program.

Daniel Bingham, the school's dean/chief executive officer, and Valerie Curtin, director of Financial Aid, will accept the award from SAF Campus Outreach Manager Marti Johnson. In order to allow UM-Helena students to take part in the celebration, the award ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. in the student center. Some refreshments will be provided.

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 or www.smartaboutcollege.org.