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UM-Helena to Receive \$23,852 in Acce\$\$ Grant Funds

The University of Montana-Helena College of Technology will receive \$23,852 in Acce\$\$ Grant funds from nonprofit Student Assistance Foundation (SAF) on Friday, Dec. 3. Since 2000, the school has received \$154,836 through this program.

Dean Daniel Bingham and Financial Aid Director Valerie Lambert will accept the award on behalf of the school from SAF Campus Outreach Manager Marti Johnson at noon in the Student Center. The presentation coincides with "Free Friday," a student celebration day that offers information booths, along with other activities.

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 \$8.2 million.

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 \$19.6 million. For more information, visit www.safmt.org or www.smartaboutcollege.org.