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SAF, Bozeman High School Announce Opening of College and Career Center

Nonprofit Student Assistance Foundation (SAF) and Bozeman High School are pleased to announce the recent opening of the College and Career Center, focused on helping students to pursue college and career paths.

The new center is located in Bozeman High School, 205 N. 11th Ave., near the main office, and students and parents are invited to stop in to receive a wide range of free services including assistance with career paths, scholarship searches and applications, matched savings accounts, money management, college visits, financial aid and more. The College and Career Center is staffed by SAF Outreach Manager Nolan Glueckert and Abbey Schmaltz.

"We are thrilled to add the College and Career Center to the campus of Bozeman High School," said Kevin Conwell, principal at the school. "One of the key domains of our overall counseling program is postsecondary counseling. This center adds a tremendous asset to assist with this effort. We are also very excited that helping make this possible is our partnership with the Student Assistance Foundation program. Together with our staff, we are able to provide a wealth of information and services to our students and their families through our College and Career Center."

Previously, Glueckert's office was located on the Montana State University campus. In addition to providing services in Bozeman, Glueckert assists students and families in Belgrade, Ennis, Gardiner, Harlowton, Manhattan, Livingston, Big Timber, Three Forks and West Yellowstone.

"I'm so excited to be working in an office based out of Bozeman High School," said Glueckert said. "It allows high school students to have easy access to the services I provide. Plus, I'm centrally located so that students from other area schools can make appointments or I can travel to them."

Glueckert is a 2002 graduate of Carroll College, who holds bachelor's degrees in Communications and Public Relations with a minor in visual arts. Prior to accepting the position with SAF's Bozeman outreach office, Glueckert manned the outreach office at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Schmaltz graduated from Montana State University with a degree in business finance with a minor in accounting. Recently, she obtained an educational endorsement from the University of Montana Western in business education and computer applications. Schmaltz is an alumna of Bozeman High School and serves as the volleyball coach at the school.

Hours for the College and Career Center are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition, students or parents can make an appointment with Glueckert by calling (406) 522-6189.

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 \$28 million. For more information, visit www.safmt.org or www.SmartAboutCollege.org.