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FVCC to Receive \$58,553 from SAF for Student Grants

(KALISPELL) Flathead Valley Community College will receive \$58,553 in Acce\$\$ Grant funds from nonprofit Student Assistance Foundation (SAF) on Monday, April 26. Since 2000, the college has received \$291,020 through this program.

Financial Aid Director Cindy Kiefer and Scholarship and Loan Coordinator Danelle Whitten will accept the award from Mary Howard, SAF's general manager of campus outreach, at 3:45 p.m. in Room 140 in Blake Hall.

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 \$1.2 million, bringing the grand total of Acce\$\$ funds provided by SAF since the program's inception in 2000 to \$6.9 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 \$16.8 million. For more information, visit www.SmartAboutCollege.org or www.safmt.org.