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Three Colleges to Receive Grant Funds for Students on Dec. 7

Nonprofit Student Assistance Foundation (SAF) will distribute a total of \$48,794 in Acce\$\$ Grant funds to Montana State University-Northern, Stone Child College and Fort Belknap College on Monday, Dec. 7.

SAF Campus Outreach Manager Breanna Dorseth will travel to each of the schools that day to present checks for the funds used by financial aid officers to help students in need pay for their education.

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. Individual award amounts vary by individual and are determined by the financial aid office.

Stone Child College will receive \$6,099, bringing its total of Acce\$\$ Grants awarded through the school since 2000 to \$38,588. President Melody Henry, Dean of Student Services Clarice Morsette, and Director of Financial Aid Tiffany Galbavy will accept the award at 10 a.m. in the President's Conference Room.

Fort Belknap College will receive \$6,099, bringing its total to \$25,024. President Carole Falcon-Chandler and Dean of Students Clarena Brockie will accept the award at noon in the President's Office.

MSU-Northern will receive \$36,596, bringing its total to \$220,543. Dr. Frank Trocki, the school's chancellor, and Cindy Small, financial aid director, will accept the award at 4:15 p.m. in the Chancellor's 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.