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Salish Kootenai College to Receive \$24,397 from SAF for Student Grants

(PABLO) Salish Kootenai College will receive \$24,397 in Acce\$\$ Grant funds from nonprofit Student Assistance Foundation (SAF) on Wednesday, May 26. Since 2000, the college has received \$132,475 through this program.

Dr. Joe McDonald, retiring president, Elaine Frank, director of Enrollment Services, and Jackie Swain, financial aid director, will accept the award from Mary Howard, SAF's general manager of campus outreach, at 10 a.m. in the financial aid office in the Kenmille Building.

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 \$17.4 million. For more information, visit www.SmartAboutCollege.org or www.safmt.org.