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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, July 30. Since 2000, the college has received \$108,078 through this program.

Dr. Joe McDonald, president of the college, and Jackie Swain, associate director of Financial Aid, will be on hand to accept the award on behalf of the school from Mary Howard, general manager of SAF's outreach offices. The presentation ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. in the theater in the Performing Arts Building on the Salish Kootenai College campus and is open to the public.

Acce\$\$ Grants are awarded each year by SAF to 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 \$5.7 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 \$13.5 million. For more information, visit [www.SmartAboutCollege.org](http://www.SmartAboutCollege.org) or [www.safmt.org](http://www.safmt.org).*