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Two Great Falls Colleges to Receive Funds from SAF for Student Grants

(HELENA) Montana State University - Great Falls College of Technology and the University of Great Falls will receive a combined \$54,479 in Acce\$\$ Grant funds from nonprofit Student Assistance Foundation (SAF) on Thursday, Oct. 15.

MSU-GF COT Dean Joe Schaffer and Financial Aid Director Leah Habel will accept the award on behalf of the school from Breanna Dorseth, SAF campus outreach manager, and Arlene Williams, SAF's national sales manager, at 11:45 a.m. in the school's atrium. The school will receive \$34,961 to fund student grants, bringing the total amount of grant funds provided by SAF to the school through the Acce\$\$ Grant program since 2000 to \$181,415.

Dorseth and Williams will present UGF's award of \$19,518 to President Eugene McAllister and Financial Aid Director Sandy Bauman in the president's office at 2 p.m. This year's grant amount brings the total grant funds provided through the Acce\$\$ Grant program by SAF through the school since 2000 to \$127,861.

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.