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Montana State University to Receive \$281,806 from SAF for Student Grants

(Bozeman) Montana State University (MSU) will receive \$281,806 in Acce\$\$ grant funds from Student Assistance Foundation (SAF) on Thursday, January 24th at 6 pm.

President Geoff Gamble, Ph.D will accept the award on behalf of the school from Kelly Chapman, executive vice president of Foundation Activities for SAF, at a brief ceremony during the Associated Students meeting on the MSU campus in SUB room 276. Vice President Allen Yarnell and Financial Aid Director Brandi Payne will also be present.

Acce\$\$ grants are awarded each year by SAF to financial aid offices at Montana's postsecondary schools. This year, the total award amount being distributed to colleges and universities is \$1.2 million.

MSU has received \$1,167,425 from SAF since the Acce\$\$ Grant Program was established seven years ago.

Financial aid officers use the grants to help students in need pay for their education. Award amounts vary by individual needs and are determined by the financial aid office.

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 \$10 million. For more information, visit www.safmt.org.