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SAF and Partners Launch Web Site to Help Students KnowHow2Go

(HELENA) Despite what some Montana students may think, college doesn't just happen — they need to take an active role in attaining their goal of postsecondary education.

A Web site launched this week by nonprofit Student Assistance Foundation (SAF) and other members of the Montana College Access Network provides students and their parents with specific steps to follow in order to do just that.

“The information provided at www.knowhow2gomontana.org gives Montana students a road map, and in so doing, empowers them to shape their future,” said Kelly Chapman, SAF's executive vice president of Foundation Activities. “From middle school to the students' senior year, this Web site is a comprehensive, easy-to-use resource.”

According to Chapman, the Web site operates on the premise of four steps that guide students toward higher education. Those are:

- Be a pain — in a good way.
- Push yourself and don't stop.
- Find the right fit.
- Put your hands on some cash.

The site expands on those areas, providing information on topics ranging from college prep programs to the potential tax benefits of saving for college. In addition, it provides links to the Montana Career Information System (MCIS) and more.

The Montana KnowHow2Go Web site is an extension of a national KnowHow2Go initiative aimed at encouraging and preparing more low-income and first-generation students to actively pursue higher education. The campaign is supported by the Lumina Foundation for Education, the American Council on Education and The Ad Council.

“We are particularly excited about our Montana KnowHow2Go site because it is the first major undertaking of the Montana College Access Network,” said Chapman. “The network brings together a variety of partners from across the state who share a common

goal — to provide Montana students a better quality of life by ensuring their access to postsecondary education and higher-paying jobs.”

The Montana College Access Network partners include SAF, TRIO, GEAR UP, Montana Postsecondary Educational Opportunities Council, Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program, the Governor’s Office and the Office of Public Instruction.

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 or www.smartaboutcollege.org.