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SAF Opens Campus Outreach Office at Montana Tech

Student Assistance Foundation (SAF) opened a branch office in the Student Union Building on the campus of Montana Tech of the University of Montana in April.

Shauna Savage, who worked in the financial aid office at Montana Tech for 14 years before accepting a position with SAF, will serve as campus outreach manager. In addition to helping students in Butte, Savage will provide assistance to University of Montana-Western students in Dillon.

“I’m excited to have the opportunity to serve students on an individual basis,” she said. “Students can stop by my office with questions ranging from how to set up a budget for college, to how to fill out paperwork for scholarships and/or financial aid. Or they can just ask for general assistance with the whole financial aid process.”

Savage can help students complete the FAFSA, arrange student loan repayment, file loan deferment or forbearance forms, manage default resolution and more. Savage also assists the financial aid offices with activities including student loan entrance and exit counseling, financial aid presentations and College Goal Sunday.

According to Mike Richardson, financial aid director at Montana Tech, the new outreach office is a welcome addition at the school.

“We look forward to this relationship with Student Assistance Foundation,” he said. “Students at both Montana Tech and the University of Montana/Western, along with the financial aid offices on both campuses, will benefit greatly from Shauna’s expertise and SAF’s resources.”

In addition to her duties at Montana Tech, Savage serves as past president of the Montana Association of Financial Aid Administrators (MASFAA).

SAF provides outreach and support to students, parents, educators, financial aid staff and communities across Montana. Additional branch locations are located on the campuses of The University of Montana, Montana State University, MSU-Billings, Miles Community College and Flathead Valley Community College.

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 \$7.1 million. For more information, visit www.safmt.org.

Info Box

Stop by the new Student Assistance Foundation office on the campus of Montana Tech for coffee, snacks and door prizes. Montana Tech students may also enter to win a \$500 scholarship.

What: Open House

When: Monday, May 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Student Union Building, Montana Tech, 1300 W. Park St.

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