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**Carroll College to Receive \$37,579 in Acce\$\$ Grant Funds**

(HELENA) Carroll College will receive \$37,579 in Acce\$\$ Grant funds from nonprofit Student Assistance Foundation (SAF) on Saturday, Oct. 23. Since 2000, the school has received \$257,371 through this program.

President Thomas Trebon, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management Nina Lococo, Academic Dean Paula McNutt and Financial Aid Director Janet Riis will accept the award from SAF's Vice President of Foundation Activities Kelly Chapman, SAF board members Ed Jasmin and Russ Ritter, Grants Manager Darbie Hess and Campus Outreach Manager Marti Johnson at the Saints' football game against Eastern Oregon. Also in attendance at the award ceremony will be Carroll financial aid staff members Tina Wagner, Kristy Gilreath, Keith Carparelli and Leslie Olsen.

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 \$1.25 million, bringing the grand total of Acce\$\$ funds provided by SAF since the program's inception in 2000 to \$8.2 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 \$19.4 million. For more information, visit [www.safmt.org](http://www.safmt.org) or [www.smartaboutcollege.org](http://www.smartaboutcollege.org).*