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MSU Great Falls COT Receives \$35,900 in Acce\$\$ Grant Funds

(HELENA) Montana State University Great Falls College of Technology received \$35,900 in Acce\$\$ Grant funds from nonprofit Student Assistance Foundation (SAF) on Tuesday, Oct. 19. Since 2000, the school has received \$217,315 through this program.

Dean Joe Schaffer, Assistant Dean of Student Services Judy Hay, Director of Financial Aid Leah Habel and grant recipients Steven and Lucan Wurz accepted the grant award on behalf of the school from SAF Campus Outreach Manager Liz Foster at a gathering in the Atrium.

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 or www.smartaboutcollege.org.