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SOROPTIMIST GRANT BOOSTS LEARNING FOR WOMEN AT UM COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

MISSOULA –

Soroptimist International of Missoula North has awarded The University of Montana College of Technology a $3,000 grant to establish a peer tutoring program to help women students stay in school.

The program, which started this spring, was designed to provide extra help for women who are single parents, lack academic preparation or have other obstacles that make learning more challenging.

The one-year grant pays for hiring student peers to work one-on-one with women students who need tutoring in accounting, math, computers, physics and anatomy/physiology.

"We have women who are raising kids, trying to make ends meet, just a whole battery of barriers that they have to overcome when they come to school," said Jim Wenderoth, chair of applied arts and sciences at the College of Technology.

The grant will help students gain greater academic stability and retention, Wenderoth said.

Soroptimist International, a service organization for executive and professional women, promotes economic and social development, education, environment, health, human rights and status of women.

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