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Rocky Mountain Power Foundation grant helps students become the first in their family to obtain a college degree

CEDAR CITY, Utah — The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has awarded a \$5,000 grant to Southern Utah University to help support the university's first-generation scholarship program.

The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has worked with Southern Utah University for the past seven years to provide scholarship support, with the goal of increasing educational access for first-generation students who may not otherwise have the necessary support to receive a college education.

"It is a great feeling to be able to continue to support this scholarship program," said Mark Cox, Rocky Mountain Power customer and community manager. "I have had the privilege of meeting with several of the past recipients and seen firsthand what an enormous impact this scholarship is having on them and their families. Helping individuals become the first generation in their family to complete a college degree is very satisfying."

"The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation Scholarships will once again help us provide opportunities for students to improve the quality of their lives through education," said Michael T. Benson, president of Southern Utah University. "We have made scholarship support for students from all walks of life a top priority at Southern Utah University. This important objective could not be accomplished without the generosity of organizations like the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation."

Currently nearly 25 percent of Southern Utah University's more than 7,500 students are the first in their family to attend college. With Rocky Mountain Power Foundation's help, Southern Utah University can once again help clear the path for these students' success.

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Southern Utah University

Founded in 1897, Southern Utah University offers graduate, baccalaureate, associate and technical programs. Southern Utah University is committed to providing an excellent education through a diverse, dynamic and personalized learning environment. The university educates students to be critical thinkers, effective communicators, lifelong learners and individuals who demonstrate integrity and empathy as they pursue their ambitions.

About the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation

The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation is part of the PacifiCorp Foundation, one of the largest utility-endowed foundations in the United States. The foundation was created in 1988 by PacifiCorp, an electric utility serving 1.7 million customers in six Western states as Rocky Mountain Power (Utah, Wyoming and Idaho) and Pacific Power (Oregon, Washington and California). The foundation's mission, through charitable investments, is to support the growth and vitality of the communities served by Pacific Power and Rocky Mountain Power. For more information, visit www.rockymountainpower.net/rmpfoundation.