

## UWYO Podcast SEO Associate Director Michael Wade

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You are listening to the University of Wyoming Today. I'm Jim Kerns. A program that is helping more than 200 University students to succeed in college, just got a big boost. The U.S. Department of Education will be providing 374,000 annually for the next five years. That will support the Student Success Services Program. Mike Wade is Assistant Director of the Educational Opportunity program at the University of Wyoming. He says this will offer several programs that will help students from disadvantaged backgrounds to earn college degrees. (Mike Wade) "Access academic resources on campus, develop study skills, manage their time, do those things that you need to do well to be successful as a college student. And of course, first generation college students, the SSS advisors provide financial advising assistance. So SSS itself does not provide that scholarship, but they help SSS students access FAFSA, federal loans, grants like the Pell Grant, identify and apply for scholarships. So, they've got their financial aid figured out, they don't have to worry about that. They also help with career/major advising. So, if a student come in the program and they are undecided, isn't sure about their major, they will help them complete assessments to help them understand what they are interested in, what they are good at and what major fits. And then also they help as a back-up academic advisor and help students plan their schedule to stay on track to graduate."