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Susan Thomas visits with Swift Creek High School Principal Russell Gardner Tuesday. She presented the school with information about the scholarship opportunities through the Craig and Susan Thomas Foundation.

# Susan Thomas brings foundation to Swift Creek High School in Star Valley

By Dan Dockstader

Susan Thomas, wife of the late U.S. Sen. Craig Thomas of Wyoming, visited Swift Creek High School and Star Valley High School on Tuesday, April

23, with news funding opportunities available to Wyoming students through her foundation.

The Craig and Susan Thomas Foundation was cre-

ated to assist with "the education, inspiration and leadership of future generations of Wyoming youth, especially students who are at-risk."

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Thomas, a teacher for 36 years, designed a program that would help students who may not qualify for the Hathaway Scholarship and other similar programs.

In a statement released during her visit to Star Valley, Thomas said of the foundation, "I started it to honor the work of my husband, United States Senator Craig Thomas,

and what he did for Wyoming." She continued, "And to help young people who need extra assistance to learn a profession or trade to become productive citizens."

Thomas emphasized, "Our scholarship program is unique. I personally mentor each student so he or she has the best chance to succeed."

She added, "We offer opportunity and resources that aren't available elsewhere."

The foundation assists

with scholarships, grants and leadership awards.

Scholarships are presented to students, grants are available to organizations that assist youth and leadership awards are presented to educators and mentors.

To apply to the Craig and Susan Thomas Foundation website: [www.thomas-foundation.com/index.cfm](http://www.thomas-foundation.com/index.cfm)

For additional information, call the foundation at 307-634-8195.