

New England Students Awarded 3 Scholarships

On April 1, 2007, three \$1000 scholarships were awarded to students at New England Roundtable (NERT) partner schools. By providing recognition and support to students, NERT hopes to foster an interest in a career in supply chain and to enhance their professional development. With this scholarship program, the Education Committee of NERT works with these professors at area colleges and universities to recognize students interested in supply chain who excel academically and programmatically.

<u>School</u>	<u>Professor</u>	<u>Scholarship Winner</u>
Boston University	Dr. Sean Willems	Joshua Cleveland
Maine Maritime Academy	Dr. Shashi Kumar, Prof. George Schatz	Sumeet Sahnan
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Dr. Chris Caplice	Joshua Merrill

Here's a snapshot of these three very accomplished young people who will be future leaders of Supply Chain Management:

Joshua Cleveland, Class of 2007 at Boston University will receive a dual degree, MBA-MS in Information Systems. After graduation from Wake Forest with a BA, he served as an officer in the US Army steadily rising in rank to Captain where he was the lead logistics planner for an 800 person force. He continued to make a difference at BU in the joint MS MBA program where he excelled in the supply-chain-focused coursework, produced the best project in the supply chain elective and demonstrated leadership in educating others about the importance of logistics and supply chain issues. He has organized tours and set up speaker panels to increase student awareness of the supply chain. Josh is also president of the MS MBA Association.

Sumeet Sahnan, Class of 2007 at Maine Maritime Academy, will be receiving his Master of Science in Global Supply Chain Management. He graduated from Marine Engineering and Research Institute, India, with his B.S. in Marine Engineering. He came to MMA as a licensed Chief Engineer who had 10 years of progressively senior shipboard experience with three different ocean shipping companies out of Hong Kong, Singapore and Monaco. Much of the influence he received towards supply chain management and logistics came from the activities he took part in as an officer on board ship. He has combined his experience in engineering and problem solving with strong academic performance at MMA.

Joshua Merrill, Class of 2007 MLOG at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, wrote his thesis on the development of a model to optimize the location and timing of planting for high-end fruits and vegetables under uncertain demand and supply conditions building on his prior experience working for global companies focused on agricultural initiatives and consulting and training in the agriculture and food industries. He earned his BS in Quantitative Agriculture Economics from Purdue University and then worked as a Strategy Analyst for the ABG group and an analyst with Syngenta. At MIT, in addition to outstanding performance in the classroom and research, he is serving as President of the MIT Student Supply Chain Club.

-Nancy Haslip, Education Committee Chair, New England Roundtable