MANAGING SUCCESS

In our increasingly global society, businesses are placing a progressively high value on effective operations and information management (OIM), requiring the knowledge and skill to create and deliver goods and services within an often international supply chain. Recognizing the need for quality professionals in the field and acknowledging the work that Kean’s management programs are doing to that end, the New Jersey chapter of the Society for Information Management (NJ SIM) Foundation, on September 4, awarded student German Jimenez a $2,500 scholarship.

“The award is provided as a means to ‘give back’ to both the IT (information technology) profession and the community by encouraging and supporting aspiring IT professionals,” according to Joseph DiSienna, executive director of the NJ SIM Foundation, who presented Jimenez with his winner’s check. Nominated by Dr. Thomas Abraham, professor and chair of the Department of Management, Jimenez felt both “privileged and grateful” for the honor saying, “Kean’s program is already helping me reach my goal to advance within operations and information systems management in the health-care industry. Now I received this scholarship, and I couldn’t ask for anything more.” Jimenez’s career path is in line with typical jobs in this area which include project, operations and quality managers, as well as systems and business analysts.

“Jimenez, like other management students, is learning to use information technology and management-science tools to manage the flow of materials and information in global companies,” said Abraham. “Success, for industry giants such as Wal-Mart and Dell, is attributed to excellence in supply-chain management.