

USF Students Receive Prestigious Logistics Award

Four students from the University of St. Francis received scholarship awards from the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP), Chicago Roundtable Chapter. The awards were co-sponsored through the generous efforts of the Will County Center for Economic Development. According to John Grueling, President of the CED, "logistics has been a driving force in Will County's economic growth. Finding talented professionals in the field remains a challenge. The CED is committed to supporting educational efforts that not only supports industry but also our local talent."

Libby Ogard, seminar Chairperson and consultant to the logistics industry, commented that "the global marketplace continues to add more pressure on the supply chain. I am very pleased with the level of professionalism from the USF students and their programs. I am convinced these students will find tremendous success in the logistics industry based on the opportunities offered by the CSCMP and their education at USF".

The students receiving the award were Amy Fitzgerald of Joliet, Eric Garcia of Joliet, Robert Rabenau of New Lenox, and Michael Vazquez of Bolingbrook. The students major in management and minor in logistics at USF's College of Business. They were among eleven students receiving awards from other universities such as UIC, IIT, and Loyola.

The USF students were the only undergraduate students receiving the award. The CSCMP is the world's largest supply chain and logistics association comprised of practitioners from the logistics industry. This year marked the 23rd Annual Spring Seminar held at Hamburger University (McDonald's Corporation training center) in Oak Brook. The event was kicked off with a speech from John McDonough, President of the Chicago Blackhawks and formerly the Chicago Cubs. The students were able to interact and network with professionals from logistics firms as FedEx, UPS, Osborne-Hessey, KLM, AIT Worldwide Logistics, Norfolk-Southern Railroad, Sears Holding Co., SAP, NAI Hiffman, and many others. Commenting on the networking opportunity, Amy Fitzgerald stated, "I am thrilled to have the chance to speak with those people who actually work in the industry. I've learned so much in this one day. I chose USF for its logistics programs and am glad that I am able to benefit from this opportunity." Garcia, another USF student receiving an award and a double-major in management and accounting, commented that "Logistics is very exciting for the field provides the chance for me to use all of my education as well as being bi-lingual. I can't believe the amount of career opportunities the logistics industry provides, not only in this area but globally. Receiving this award and my education at USF has provided me with a number of great opportunities to be successful. Now it's all up to me!"