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Subject: Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Recipient

Congratulations to **Paul Silversmith** (B Section, Mechanical Engineering, Newfane, NY) for receiving the Benjamin A. Gilman International Student Scholarship for Spring 2009! Paul was awarded \$3,500 for his upcoming participation in study abroad at the Konstanz University of Applied Sciences in Konstanz, Germany. The U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the Institute of International Education (IIE) administer the Gilman International Scholarship contest. For the Spring 2009 award cycle scholarships were given to 600 students selected from a pool of 1,659 applications.

The Gilman International Scholarship Program offers grants for U.S. citizen undergraduate students to pursue academic studies abroad. Such international study is intended to better prepare U.S. students to assume significant roles in an increasingly global economy and interdependent world. The Gilman scholarship aims to support students who have been traditionally under-represented in study abroad, including but not limited to, students with high financial need, community college students, students in under-represented fields such as the sciences and engineering, students with diverse ethnic backgrounds, and students with disabilities.

Paul learned about the scholarship through the Office of International Programs during the application process for his study-abroad program. Upon his return from Germany Paul will complete a follow-on project with the International Office to help other students learn about their study-abroad options and to promote awareness of the Gilman Scholarship.

For more information about Study Abroad Programs at Kettering University, please contact the **Office of International Programs and Study Abroad** at extension 9869.