Josh Trautwein
Milford, MA
College of Arts and Sciences
Major: Sociology
Co-ops:
Mass Premier Soccer – Waltham, MA
Assistant Leagues, Tournaments Director
Soccer 1 (Experiential Co-op) – Boston, MA
Executive Director

“Josh epitomizes the social entrepreneurs who are working to reshape our global society for the better. His own nonprofit, Soccert, fuses his passion for soccer and his belief in the potential for fostering community and translates them into a dynamic tool for building the cooperative spirit. Josh began as a coaching volunteer and since then has played a lead role developing a new and now sustainable community soccer program in East Boston. It has also been a pleasure to work with Josh on the World Cup Boston initiative, a city-wide collaborative project, which I can honestly say would not be successful without Josh’s commitment, determination and guidance. It has been a pleasure to know Josh and to see him grow over the past year and I am excited to see what future impact he will have on the world!”

—Meghan Mahoney, Operations Manager, Sport in Society - a Northeastern University Center

Paul M. Pratt Award
The Paul M. Pratt award was established in 1892 upon Dean Pratt’s retirement from Northeastern University after 33 years of service. The Paul M. Pratt Award is given to one senior each year who demonstrates exceptional and professional growth as a result of his or her co-op experiences. Dean Pratt epitomizes the philosophy of Cooperative Education. Following five years of active service in the United States Navy he enrolled as a sophomore in the Northeastern University as a Civil Engineering student. Dean Pratt’s one co-op assignment was with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Works. He received his Bachelor’s Degree with the class of 1958. He then accepted an invitation to return to the University as a Cooperative Education Coordinator. In 1970 he became Assistant Dean and Director of Cooperative Education and in 1975 he was promoted to Full Professor and Dean of Cooperative Education. Dean Pratt truly believes that co-op hands-on experience, alternating between the classroom and co-op assignments, significantly augments academic studies and better prepares students for their professional careers. Dean Pratt and his wife Ruth currently reside in the Lake Sunapee Region of New Hampshire.

William Jefferson Alcott, Jr. Award
The William Jefferson Alcott, Jr. Award is presented to one senior who utilizes his or her academic training in a creative way to make a positive contribution to society and who has demonstrated exceptional achievement in cooperative education, as well as recognizing the students accomplished goals beyond the requirements of the University curriculum.

The award was established in 1934 in memory of Professor William Jefferson Alcott, Jr. of Northeastern University’s Mathematics. Professor Alcott was a veteran of WW I, and following a long illness he died in 1933 at the age of 39. Professor Alcott received a degree in Civil Engineering from Tufts University in 1922. Before coming to Northeastern, he served as an engineer with the Massachusetts Highway Commission and the Boston and Maine Railroad. By coincidence the Boston and Maine was, in 1909, one of the first four early co-op employers. Professor Alcott joined the Day Division in 1924 as an Instructor and attained a position as Associate Professor in 1930. Professor Alcott was an exemplary member of the Northeastern and local community.

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Robert Uvanović
Norfolk, MA
College of Arts and Sciences
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Co-ops:
Deshpande Foundation – Hubli, India and Stoneham, MA (2007 and 2009) Associate
United Nations – New York, NY Disarmament & Peace Affairs Office Assistant
CSN Stores – Boston, MA Product Marketing

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