Undergraduate research assistant Kendall Sanderson wins the 2013 Northeastern University Outstanding Cooperative Education Award

Kendall Sanderson, senior industrial engineering student at Northeastern University and research assistant at Healthcare Systems Engineering Institute, has been selected for the Outstanding Cooperative Education Award, given annually to a select few Northeastern University students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their experiential learning. Faculty co-op coordinators from each undergraduate college select a few students to receive this distinction each year.

Kendall has completed three co-ops in the field of healthcare systems engineering. The first was at Boston VA Medical Center, where he implemented Lean 5S on many projects, including one that improved inventory management efficiency in nursing supply closets. He completed his second co-op at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, where he performed schedule analysis, data collection, and data analysis to complete an assessment of patient flow in the pediatric department. His final co-op took place at Banner Health in Phoenix, Arizona. Here, he used Microsoft Access databases to compile data and produce reports that helped to improve decision-making in patient bed assignments.