Kean University was founded in 1855 and was the first public post-secondary institution in New Jersey. With a rich history of excellence and innovation in higher education, Kean is a world-class, vibrant, diverse university offering more than 50 undergraduate majors and more than 60 options for graduate study, including six doctoral programs, with four campuses in New Jersey and the only public university in America to have a campus in China. U.S. News & World Report has recently ranked Kean University among the top universities in the northern United States for helping economically disadvantaged students enroll and graduate within six years. Kean is ranked 41st for social mobility out of 170 universities in the region. In addition, Kean University was recently designated as the state’s first urban research university, recognized for its growing role in conducting research and generating solutions to issues in urban communities in New Jersey.

The university enrolls over 16,000 students and Kean’s mission is to provide an affordable, and accessible education that prepares students to think and respond critically and creatively in a rapidly changing world.

Kean’s Center for Cybersecurity provides and offers a central hub for university, community, and global outreach on critical cybercrime and cybersecurity research and information. The Center is created under the direction of pursuing a collaborative methodology, emphasizing a multidisciplinary approach to cybersecurity education. This integrative approach, structure and strategy recognize the benefits gained by providing cybersecurity education in both technical and non-technical fields. This collaboration includes true Cybersecurity program integration between the Kean University School of Computer Science and Technology and the School of Criminal Justice and Public Administration. The Kean Center for Cybersecurity partners with several industry certification bodies and partners, including CompTIA, EC-Council, Palo Alto Networks, ISC2, and created the first Cloud Security Alliance chapter in New Jersey, offering students the opportunity to connect with industry professionals. Since its creation, the Center for Cybersecurity has provided proactive cybersecurity defense education, policy guidance, mentorship, training, and outreach. Notable and pertinent accomplishments include: Hosting 6 student-driven Hackathons; Establishment of one of the first Women in Cybersecurity (WiCyS) chapters; Creation of a Small-business Cybersecurity Guidance training; Acceptance of an authentication design patent; Publishing research papers involving security and presenting at many academic conferences.