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# UC Irvine Extension Recognizes Two Instructors with “Dean’s Outstanding Service” Awards

## Orange County Instructors Honored For Educational Excellence

**IRVINE, Calif. – January 17, 2008** – University of California, Irvine Extension presented “Dean’s Outstanding Service” awards at its annual Instructor and Advisory Committee Members Breakfast. Dr. Gary Matkin, Dean of Continuing Education at UC Irvine honored **Dennis Evans** and **Mike Kollen** for their hard work and dedication to the educational mission put forth by UC Irvine Extension.

“These two individuals have truly demonstrated their characterization as ‘outstanding’ instructors as these awards validate,” said Matkin. “UC Irvine Extension is fortunate to have such an enthusiastic commitment from these instructors for the development of the topical and well-researched programs and courses.”

The “Dean’s Outstanding Service” award is given annually to individuals, instructors or advisory committee members that demonstrate a commendable effort in the advancement and support of University Extension programs and students. Examples include: Extraordinary assistance to students in their coursework or professional placement, facilitation of scholarship or other meritorious services, sponsorship of outstanding activity promoting outreach to ethnically diverse students and serving as a continual resource for creative programming concepts.

Evans serves as the faculty graduate advisor and teaches in the doctoral programs, single subject credential and education minor programs for the Department of Education at UC Irvine. He has taught for UC Irvine Extension since 1986 and is currently the director and lead instructor for the Administrative Services Credential Program. It was through Evans’ efforts that the Administrative Services Credential Tier I and II programs are offered jointly by the UC Irvine Department of Education and UC Irvine Extension Education Programs. This joint offering is one-of-a-kind and provides students with a unique professional development opportunity.

Kollen serves as a part of the UC Irvine Extension information technologies instructional staff. He began teaching IT courses at UC Irvine Extension during spring 1997. Since then, he has been approved to teach 142 courses on topics ranging from database technologies to application development and object-oriented programming. In 2005, Mike initiated the Boeing WebEx E-Learning Synchronous Training (WEST) program on behalf of University Extension and began offering his complete lineup of courses entirely online through WebEx. In addition to teaching, Mike hosts two official Boeing users’ groups on topics he teaches: Cold Fusion (a database administration and development product) and Flex (a programming framework for the Java language). These users’ groups have regularly scheduled online meetings that feature such distinguished guest speakers as Ben Forta, Adobe’s Senior Evangelist for Cold Fusion.

### About UC Irvine Extension

As the continuing education arm of UCI, UC Irvine Extension is dedicated to providing a university-level learning experience for students, offering thousands of exciting courses and programs to local, regional, and global constituencies. UC Irvine Extension offers a rich array of academic and community programs to support a diverse audience, from a wide selection of academic programs to numerous campus activities. For more information, please visit [www.unex.uci.edu](http://www.unex.uci.edu).

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The University of California, Irvine is a top-ranked university dedicated to research, scholarship and community service. Founded in 1965, UCI is among the fastest-growing University of California campuses, with more than 24,000 undergraduate and graduate students and about 1,400 faculty members. The second-largest employer in dynamic Orange County, UCI contributes an annual economic impact of \$3.3 billion. For more UCI news, visit [www.today.uci.edu](http://www.today.uci.edu).

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