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## CRC Professor, John Ellis, Receives Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology



Cosumnes River College Architecture Professor John Ellis recently received a prestigious award from the International Conference on College Teaching and Learning and the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning.

Ellis received the 2008 Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Technology. The awards ceremony, held on April 16, 2008, in Jacksonville, Florida, honored 40 teaching faculty from across the U.S. and around the world for their innovative contributions to teaching and learning in higher education.

"This award is a way for us to recognize the highly creative contributions that are made day in and day out by outstanding teaching faculty in colleges and universities around the world," said Jeana Davis, coordinator of the conference. "It also provides a venue for them to share those ideas with their colleagues at other institutions—improving

higher education teaching and learning opportunities for all of us."

Ellis, who has been with CRC since 1983, said he was thrilled to be one of this year's recipients. "I think the whole process of attending the conference, writing a paper and creating a presentation gave me an opportunity to examine what is really important about what I do as a teacher and, of course, winning the award gave me a sense of validation that I'm doing alright," Ellis said. "I think I really benefited from my own self examination as well as hearing how other teachers look at education. The whole experience made me feel really fortunate that I found my way into such an important and rewarding profession as teaching."

A complete list of this year's award recipients can be found at the conference Website at [www.teachlearn.org](http://www.teachlearn.org).

The International Conference on College Teaching and Learning was established in 1988 to promote the exchange of ideas to improve the teaching and learning process through innovative and effective uses of pedagogy and technology in higher education.

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