

Michael L. Mathews

Michael L. Mathews (Mike), CIO and AVP for Innovation at Oral Roberts University has over 24-years of experience as a senior-level IT executive bringing creative solutions that value the end-users of technology and business process management. These solutions have benefited the end-users of higher education, manufacturing, and high technology company products, and resulted in over 12 global awards.



Mike has held positions as a chief information officer, general manager of CIOs, chief strategist for innovation, business development officer, trainer, teacher, and vice president of academic services for leading corporations and higher education. Mike has served as CIO within higher education for over 12 years.

Mike has a deep and rich work history including 12-years at Cray Research as an instructor and global training manager; as well as 10-years at SunGard Higher Education where he served as chief information officer, and vice president of academic services. In these roles he has influenced 100s of research, energy, chemical, and manufacturing companies, as well as over twenty community colleges, universities, and statewide systems. Mike's dual experience in business and education along with working knowledge of seven Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems has allowed him to quickly assess business process and technology innovation that creatively impacts products, process, students, and society. In 2017 he was named one of the top 30 innovators of education in the world, by the Center for Digital Education.

Mike has assisted many higher education institutions in identifying mechanisms to improve both the strategic and operational effectiveness of their academic and administrative information technology investments. These activities include development of new organizational models, 5-7 year strategic plans, IT governance, online program market studies, online learning delivery models, online programs, and state-wide and national award winning initiatives. He has designed the first enterprise wide education of augmented and virtual reality, which has received six national awards.

Mike has led national initiative that earned him two invitations to the White House, speaker at 50 national educational conferences, and a national summit on U.S. academic policy as part of his innovation in education. Mike was named one of the 2018 CIO 100 Award winners, won the 2017 Innovator of the Year by Campus Technology, Named the 2017 Innovator of the Year by the United States Distance Learning Association, the 2017 Ellucian Technology Award winner, and the 2017 Dr. Wayne Brown Leadership Award.

Mike has earned associate and bachelor degrees, as well as many certificates from institutions ranging from Dunwoody Institute of Technology, UW-Madison, UW-Stout, UCLA, Harvard Business School, and Global University. Mike has completed Master level programs in online teaching and learning from UCLA as part of his Master's degree. Mike has been trained on computer systems ranging from PCs to Cray supercomputers. In addition, he has specialized training and certification on business processes management, and is trained to work on seven major student information systems/ERP systems including Banner, Datatel, PeopleSoft, SAP, JD Edwards, MAPICS, and Oracle.

ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS SERVED

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Berean (Global) University of the Assemblies of
God Truman State University
Seattle University
Lincoln University
National-Louis University
Texas A&M Kingsville
University of New York, Albany
Global University
Lone Star College System
State Fair Community College
Mohave Community College
College of Southern Nevada
College of Lake County
Chippewa Valley Technical College

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Mike has a dedication and passion for [student success](#), enjoys public speaking and has won numerous competitive speech awards through Toastmasters International, authored three books and spends time coaching world leaders on writing and speaking skills. Many of Mike's published works can be view at <https://works.bepress.com/michael-mathews>.

Below is a picture of Mike (left) with U.S. Chief Technology Officer and Assistant to President Obama, Todd Park at the Whitehouse in Oct. 2012.



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