

DECISION SCIENCES INSTITUTE, SOUTHWEST REGION

DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

is presented to

Dr. Ken Black

Professor of Decision Sciences
University of Houston - Clear Lake

In recognition of twenty-three years of service to colleges and universities in teaching and education, the Decision Sciences Institute, Southwest Region, has selected Ken Black to receive the Outstanding Educator Award. He has been a member of the Southwest Decision Sciences Institute (SWDSI) since 1980 and of the Decision Sciences Institute (DSI) since 1979. He has served these organizations in many capacities including national membership committee member, co-editor of SWDSI proceedings, symposium coordinator, SWDSI council member, session coordinator, discussant, reviewer, and presenter.

Dr. Black has won numerous teaching awards during his long and distinguished career. In 1994, he was recipient of the Minnie Stevens Piper Award at the University of Houston - Clear Lake (UH-CL) as the outstanding teacher of the university and was UH-CL's representative in the statewide Piper competition. Nominated by students, he was a finalist for the UH-CL Piper award eight other times including 1999. He was selected Professor of the Year by Beta Alpha Psi at UH-CL for both 1993 and 1996. In 1986, he was awarded as the Outstanding Graduate Business Professor by the MBA Association of UH-CL. In 1983, he was selected as Favorite Full-time Marketing Professor by the UH-CL Marketing Association. Dr. Black has taught thirteen different courses in the past twenty years ranging from business statistics, forecasting, and management science to production management and market research.

Dr. Black's contribution to decision science education has been enhanced by the publication of two textbooks including *Business Statistics: An Introductory Course* and *Business Statistics: Contemporary Decision Making* which is in its third edition and has been used by thousands of students worldwide. He has written and published the Student's Solutions Manual and Instructor's Manual that accompany each edition of his texts. In addition, he has published numerous articles and professional papers which have contributed to a better understanding of the many applications of decision sciences in the business world.