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Mary Roosevelt, the widow of the late James Roosevelt, son of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, has spent all of her professional life as an educator, with a passion for international educational experiences for all students.

She was the Director of External Relations for the University of California, Irvine, Department of Education 1999-2002. She was the Program Coordinator for the Multiple Subject Credential Program for nine years, 1990-1999. She coordinated a program to enhance the role of the master teachers in the public school classrooms, while they were working with teachers in training. This evolved into the UCI Professional Development Schools Program.

Prior to creating this program she supervised the program's student teachers from 1975 -1990.

Mrs. Roosevelt retired from working full time in the Department of Education in 1999. She maintains an on going relationship with the Department of Education, at UC Irvine, producing a documentary on student assessment in 2002, and she currently serves on the Department's Leadership Council.

She was an ambassador of The UCI Foundation for six years, 1998-2004, having previously served on the board of the UCI Foundation in the 1970's . She is a trustee emeritus of Sage Hill School. She is an advisor to the Medical Care Corporation. She is a member of the UCI Chancellor's Club and President Emeritus of the University of California Research Associates. Mrs Roosevelt is a Friend of Griffith University, in Queensland, Australia, and in 2008 was awarded an Honorary Fellowship by the Glycomics Institute at Griffith University. She is also a trustee of the Ecolint American Foundation.

Mrs. Roosevelt received the UCI Medal in 1990. She also received the UCI Alumni Association 1984 Lauds and Laurels Award for University Service, a UCI Award for Volunteerism, and the Honorary Nurse Award for the Advancement of Nursing, Science and Research.

Mrs. Roosevelt earned a standard elementary teaching credential from the University of California, Irvine, and teaching credentials from the National Froebel Education Institute in London and the University of London, where she worked in both public and private schools, before she entered the world of international education.

Previously Mrs. Roosevelt was Principal of the Junior House at the United Nations International School in New York and she also taught at the International School of Geneva, in Switzerland. During her years at the International School of Geneva, she created the first drafts of what is now the Elementary Curriculum, for the International Baccalaureate.

Mrs. Roosevelt, lives in Corona del Mar, CA and has a grown daughter, and two grandchildren.

