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USC Marshall to honor Kroger CEO as Food Industry Exec of Year

*Dillon to receive top award from
Food Industry Management Program*

LOS ANGELES – The Food Industry Management Program at the USC Marshall School of Business will honor David Dillon, Chairman and CEO of The Kroger Company, as “Food Industry Executive of the Year” at its annual graduation banquet in April.

“David Dillon has exemplified the managerial traits we instill in participants of USC Marshall’s Food Industry Management Program,” said Professor Thomas Arnold, the program’s director. “He has brought innovation, smarts and most of all, leadership to Kroger and to the entire industry. We’re delighted to award him with our highest honor for his contributions to the food industry.”

The award is presented annually to a food industry executive who has shown extraordinary leadership while producing exceptional business results.

The Food Industry Management Program at the University of Southern California’s Marshall School of Business is marking its 50th anniversary in 2008. Each year, 35 students are chosen from a wide range of companies in the food industry to participate in the distinguished training program. Participants must have proven records of management accomplishments with significant potential for future advancement. A full tuition scholarship is awarded to each participant admitted into the program. Scholarships are provided by the Western Association of Food Chains Educational Fund, which is supported by contributions from Food Industry companies and individuals.

Arnold, who has directed the Food Industry Management Program for the past 10 years, will present the award at the annual banquet, which will be held on the USC campus on April 30. For banquet information please contact the Food Industry Management Program office at 213-740-5585.

About the USC Marshall School of Business

Based at the crossroads of the Pacific Rim, in Los Angeles at the University of Southern California, the USC Marshall School of Business is dedicated to training global leaders to make a difference. USC Marshall is the best place to learn the art and science of business.

The school's complete array of programs annually serve more than 5,000 undergraduate, graduate, professional and executive-education students, who attend classes at the main University Park campus in Los Angeles, and in satellite facilities in Irvine and North San Diego County.

In conjunction with Jiao Tong University in Shanghai, USC Marshall also operates a Global Executive MBA program in China. Marshall's many highly ranked programs and centers of excellence include the Leventhal School of Accounting.

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