The Western Association of Schools and Colleges said Cal State Northridge "stands as a model to other public urban institutions of higher education.

Cal State Northridge's College of Education is the fourth largest producer of teacher credential candidates in the nation.

Eight Cal State Northridge faculty members have been awarded prestigious Guggenheim Fellowships for research and creative activity in past years, and 58 faculty—22 since 1980—have received Fulbright awards to conduct research or teach abroad.

CSUN's Cinema and Television Arts Department was recently hailed as the top television and film school in the region by the Association of Independent Feature Film Producers.

National Science Foundation survey of 529 comprehensive universities found that Cal State Northridge, and in particular its College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, was first in the number of university graduates who go on to earn doctorates in social sciences and psychology.

This year's freshman class includes 16 valedictorians and salutatorians who graduated from San Fernando Valley and Ventura County high schools.