Cal State Northridge is a major economic force in the Los Angeles area. The university has some 3,600 employees and an annual payroll exceeding $150 million, ranking it as one of the ten largest employers in the San Fernando Valley.

Cal State Northridge students this semester are transforming 22 seventh graders from four Los Angeles schools into “tomorrow’s scientists” in a free after-school program designed to dispel the myth that science is too hard and boring.

SUN’s National Center on Deafness recently won a $5 million, five-year contract from the U.S. Department of Education to spearhead an effort to help deaf and hard-of-hearing students make the transition to college and the workforce. The project extends throughout the western United States and some U.S. territories.

Six microturbines from the South Coast Air Quality Management District are providing Cal State Northridge engineering students an opportunity for hands-on, real-world experiences while saving the campus money. The electrical mini-generators, valued at $315,000, are helping the university reduce its reliance on California’s fragile electrical grid.

SUN students spend about 160,000 hours each year doing community service work. They are in classrooms helping teachers, in group homes helping troubled young people, in retirement homes assisting the elderly and in low-income neighborhoods testing groundwater samples and surveying areas for economic recovery.