Northridge alumnus E. Kenneth Nwabueze, chairman and chief executive officer of SageMetrics, has been appointed by President George W. Bush to the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology. Nwabueze, who graduated from CSUN in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering, founded SageMetrics, a leading outsourced business intelligence provider.

Students from more than 70 foreign countries are enrolled at Cal State Northridge. The university consistently ranks in the top 25 for master's level universities, based on the size of its foreign student population.

Cal State Northridge has received more than $800,000 from the California State Post Secondary Education Commission to work with and develop science curriculum with teachers in low-performing schools. The idea, said Northridge biology professor Steven Oppenheimer, a project coordinator, is to make science exciting and something kids want to learn, while at the same time meeting the state's new science standards.

Registering for classes at Cal State Northridge has gotten a whole lot easier with the launching last semester of a new web registration system that can tailor a student's schedule to their work and personal needs with the touch of a button.

Countrywide Credit Industries has donated $300,000 to the university for the creation of an endowed professorship in CSUN's Department of Finance, Real Estate and Insurance. It is the department's first endowed professorship.