Each year, more than 250 CSUN students go through an intensive training program so they can provide free tax preparation assistance to low-income families and individuals. Northridge’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance/Low Income Tax Clinic is one of the largest and most successful in the nation. Last year, the students prepared more than 16,000 state and federal tax returns. CSUN students have saved taxpayers approximately $675,000 in preparation fees since the program’s creation in 1971.

More students are enrolled this semester at Cal State Northridge than at any time in the university’s 44-year history. Enrollment has reached a record high of 31,681 full- and part-time students, topping the last high set in fall 1988 with 31,575 students. It also beats last semester’s enrollment figure by 233 students.

Dozens of Cal State Northridge students recently helped more than 2,000 elementary, middle and high school students put their mental prowess to the test during the 16th annual Los Angeles County Science Olympiad held at the university. Students representing nearly 100 schools from throughout the county were put through a myriad of mental challenges testing their knowledge in all areas of science and engineering.

Cal State Northridge is home to the Center for Small Business, which was established more than 30 years ago to provide no-cost consulting services to small businesses. Student teams, supervised by faculty members, meet with clients, determine the need for assistance, do the analysis and prepare reports for clients.