

California State University Northridge

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Cal State Northridge's music department is recognized as the flagship among state university music departments in California. US News & World Report rates the program in the top six percent of music graduate programs in the country. As if to underscore this, CSUN's Studio Jazz Band, directed by music professor Gary Pratt, recently won first place at the prestigious Fullerton Jazz Festival in the category for four-year universities.

Cal State Northridge has started its second year of a four-year project aimed at enhancing the quality of Head Start services in the Latino community. The project is funded by a \$600,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Children, Youth and Families, and is targeted at bridging cultures and, in particular, increasing staff members' understanding of Latino culture.

In a quiet laboratory in a corner of the campus, three CSUN graduate students are helping Northridge psychology professor Maura Mitrushina and UCLA psychologist Steve Berman search for the early markers of Alzheimer's disease. Their research could eventually help doctors and clinicians differentiate between people who are experiencing symptoms of the normal cognitive decline associated with aging and those suffering with Alzheimer's.

Retired Los Angeles furniture manufacturer Ernest Warsaw and his wife, Elaine have donated three French impressionist paintings to the university, including a landscape by Maurice Vlaminck valued at nearly \$300,000. Their total gift is valued at nearly \$500,000 and includes a landscape by French impressionist Armand Guillaume valued at \$125,000 and a landscape by French post impressionist painter Jean Dufy valued at \$45,000.

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