A record 7,677 students were candidates to receive diplomas—approximately 6,410 bachelors and 1,267 masters in a total of 63 fields—at Cal State Northridge’s graduation ceremonies in May.

Cal State Northridge bestowed honorary doctorates of humane letters on Emmy Award-winning television writer, director and producer Alan Armer, a professor emeritus at the university, and civil rights activist and labor leader Dolores Huerta. The two were honored at this spring’s commencement ceremonies for their contributions to society.

Cal State Northridge is one of only four universities nationwide that have been asked by Carnegie Corporation of New York to take part in a landmark initiative, “Teachers for a New Era,” designed to strengthen K-12 teaching by developing state-of-the-art programs at schools of education.

Computer science professor Shan Barkataki has received a patent from the U.S. government for a software design that includes reusable components for use in the aerospace and defense industry.

The Eisner Foundation, created by Disney chairman Michael D. Eisner and his wife, Jane, who serves as the foundation’s president, has given Cal State Northridge $7 million for the establishment of a new teacher-training program in the College of Education.