For the past 25 years, students working at Cal State Northridge’s Small Business Institute have provided free consulting, with faculty supervision, to local small businesses and grassroots organizations in such areas as marketing and business plans. In the process, students learn how businesses work and apply what they learn in the classroom to the real world.

Biology professor Peter Edmunds and a team of graduate and undergraduate students are spending this summer working in an underwater research laboratory off the Florida Keys investigating the effects of global climate change on the biology of coral larvae.

Graduate students in CSUN’s Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences have an exceptional pass rate, exceeding 95%, on the national certification exams to become licensed audiologists and speech/language pathologists. The national average is 65%.

Merri C. Pearson, director of the National Center on Deafness at Cal State Northridge, has been appointed by Gov. Gray Davis to the statewide Independent Living Council, a decision-making body and advisory board responsible for overseeing the state’s Independent Living Plan and ensuring that California receives federal funding for implementation of the plan.

Cal State Northridge’s nationally recognized Child and Family Studies Center Lab School has extended its program to serve infants and toddlers. Each child in the new program will be assigned a caregiver, and that caregiver will stay with that child during a lengthy, crucial period of development.