Cal State Northridge and Los Angeles school district officials have begun construction on a new academy high school on the university’s campus, a unique joint venture that will help prepare San Fernando Valley students for college and future teaching careers. The $25 million project is the Los Angeles Unified School District’s first new regular high school in the Valley in more than 30 years.

Cal State Northridge is one of six universities nationwide recently recognized by the Education Trust for their role in transforming school counseling programs both in higher education and in K-12 schools. In particular, the Education Trust, a non-profit educational organization based in Washington D.C., singled out CSUN educational psychology professor Charles Hanson for his new school counselor program that trains counselors to take a leadership role in their schools and to serve as advocates for the academic success of their students.

Cal State Northridge’s Center for Community-Service Learning and The Community Charter Middle School recently received the “Valley of the Stars 2003 Business/Education Partnership Award” from the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley. The Economic Alliance recognized the two academic organizations for their collaborative efforts during the past four years to improve the quality of education for local middle schoolers.

Cal State Northridge has established a scholarship for music students in honor of the late Latin jazz great Charles “Chuck” R. Anderson. The scholarship was set up by Anderson’s wife, Linda, who heard about the university’s prestigious jazz program from friends.