

California State University Northridge

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Cal State Northridge's library is the largest in the San Fernando Valley, with about 1.25 million books and periodical volumes, and more than three million microforms. The Oviatt Library also subscribes to more than 2,400 periodicals and a wide variety of electronic databases, journals and books.

The university's 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients are Vincent Barabba, chairman of the Internet Home Alliance and former head of General Motors' Corporate Strategy and Knowledge Development Division, and Sue Herera, a founding anchor of the television news network CNBC. The awards are the highest honor bestowed by the university's Alumni Association. They are presented to individuals who have achieved a high level of success in their chosen fields, thus bringing distinction to themselves and their alma mater.

During commencement ceremonies in May, Cal State Northridge awarded degrees to more than 6,000 graduating students, the most ever in the campus' 45-year history. Also for the first time, the university aired live broadcasts of five of its eight commencement ceremonies on the Internet. Family and friends of graduates were able to watch their loved ones receive diplomas, even if they could not be there in person.

A new book by acclaimed Cal State Northridge geographers James Allen and Eugene Turner offers a look at the racial and ethnic landscape of Southern California. *Changing Faces, Changing Places*, which also provides a glimpse into the possible future of the nation, is a follow-up to their prior, highly touted book, *The Ethnic Quilt: Population Diversity in Southern California*.

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