The National Center on Deafness has been awarded more than $930,000 by the federal government for an innovative program that empowers deaf and hard-of-hearing students as well as providing them with the tools and materials to collaborate with fellow students across the country.

More than 500 fifth graders from throughout the San Fernando Valley converged on Cal State Northridge in November to explore the possibilities of a career in science. “Science Day,” organized by the student chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, gave the youngsters a chance to get “hands-on” experience working on projects alongside college students and professionals in the high-tech industry.

Cal State Northridge’s engineering faculty are teaming up with local businesses to give area high school teachers a chance to learn first hand what industry will be looking for in their future employees. The teachers have an opportunity to learn about the technology used in the businesses and have an opportunity to ask business leaders what they can do to help the teachers provide their students with the skills they need to succeed later in life.

The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design has selected Cal State Northridge’s Manzanita Hall for a 2002 American Architecture Award. The building, which is home to much of CSUN’s College of Arts, Media, and Communication, was designed by nationally recognized architect Robert A.M. Stern.