Three luminaries in the fields of journalism, law and aerospace have been chosen for Cal State Northridge’s 2005 Distinguished Alumni Awards. This year’s honorees are Bon Appétit magazine editor-in-chief Barbara Fairchild (Journalism, ’72), trial attorney Larry Feldman (Business, ’66) and former astronaut Scott Horowitz (Engineering, ’78), director of space transportation and exploration for ATK Thiokol.

Alumnus Harvey Bookstein—a co-founding partner of the Los Angeles accounting firm RBZ, LLP—has donated $1 million to Cal State Northridge for the creation of the Harvey and Harriet Bookstein Chair in taxation in the university’s College of Business and Economics. The gift, one of CSUN’s largest from an alumnus, also will fund the Bookstein Institute for Higher Education in Taxation and represents the first endowed chair in the college.

Since taking office in 2003, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has appointed three Cal State Northridge alumnae to the 11-member State Board of Education. The CSUN alums are board president Ruth Green and members Ruth Bloom, an arts educator, and Yvonne Chan, a charter schools pioneer. The State Board of Education is the governing and policy-making body of the California Department of Education.

Geography professor Warren Bland’s book, “Retire in Style: 60 Outstanding Places Across the USA and Canada,” has been drawing extensive national media interest. Since the book debuted in January, he has been deluged with requests for media interviews from “CBS MarketWatch,” Fox News, public radio’s “All Things Considered,” Los Angeles’ KNX 1070 AM, the Voice of America, The Wall Street Journal and the Los Angeles Times, to name a few. Using a geographer’s sensibilities, the book provides information on America’s best retirement venues.