

California State University Northridge

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Cal State Northridge students, faculty and staff launched a campaign in September to raise money to support the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Noting that the nation came to CSUN's assistance following the 1994 Northridge earthquake, which left much of the campus damaged, university officials said they wanted to return the favor by raising money for the American Red Cross and its hurricane relief efforts.

University President Jolene Koester led the formal renaming of the campus' Student Services Building as Bayramian Hall in September. The naming honors a former San Fernando High School art teacher (and Northridge alumna) and her husband who donated their entire \$7.3 million estate as a bequest to CSUN for student scholarships. The gift from longtime San Fernando Valley residents Mary and Jack Bayramian—who passed away in November 2002 and January 2005, respectively—is the largest cash and alumni gift in the university's history.

C SUN's Michael D. Eisner College of Education and the College of Business and Economics are teaming with the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce to create "Project Change: A Partnership to Prepare Tomorrow's Leaders." The partnership was created to produce educational leaders, develop current and future administrators, support secondary school administrators in school reform and increase the administrator retention rate. It is funded by a three-year, \$700,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education and is one of only 24 such grants nationwide.

The start of the fall 2005 semester marked the opening of Cal State Northridge's second new parking structure in just three years. The 2,063-space facility just south of University Hall was ready for use by the time classes started on Monday, Aug. 29. Its opening produced a net parking increase of about 1,350 spaces, greatly alleviating parking and traffic problems on campus.

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