Cal State Northridge ranks among the top 10 master’s level institutions in the nation in hosting students from around the world. An annual survey placed CSUN sixth—with more than 1,300 international students enrolled for 2004–05—among hundreds of master’s level institutions nationwide. CSUN has ranked in the top echelon for the past few years, climbing steadily from 17th in 2000–01 to sixth in Open Doors 2005, an annual report on international educational exchange issued by the Institute of International Education (IIE).

Two graphic design alumni have done some very high-profile work in the past year. Josh Ecton, class of 2004, recently designed a movie poster for the film “Good Night and Good Luck.” Directed by and starring George Clooney, the film was based on the life of TV journalist Edward R. Murrow. Rose Hartono, class of 1994, created the logo for the 2006 Rose Bowl game as well as the poster design and other collateral materials for the game and pre- and post-celebration festivities.

Geological sciences professor Gerald Simila has been awarded a prestigious Fulbright scholar grant to lecture and conduct research on earthquakes in Costa Rica. Simila is due to leave March 1 for Costa Rica’s National University in Heredia, where he will investigate the seismicity and earthquake hazards of the central valley of the Central American country.

Bonita Campbell, chair of Cal State Northridge’s Department of Manufacturing Systems Engineering and Management, believes so much in the department she helped found that she has doubled the endowment she initially created to $50,000. Campbell’s support will ensure that the engineering management program has strong financial support in the future.