Cal State Northridge has ranked second highest in the state in its enrollment of students studying to be teachers. In its December 2005 report to the state Legislature, the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing identified Northridge as a leader in contributing new lifeblood to the ranks of teachers. CSUN had more than 4,300 students who completed one or more classes in a teacher training program during 2003–04.

Students in the College of Business and Economics are providing free state and federal income tax preparation assistance to low-income families, individuals, the disabled, and senior citizens through the Wayne and Roberta Colmer Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. More than 300 CSUN student volunteers have undergone intensive training for their work.

Music and computer science faculty member Sandra Bostrom and her husband, Donald, a CSUN alumnus, have created three separate endowments to support music, electrical engineering and computer science education at Cal State Northridge. The Bostroms have established a bequest specifying that $150,000 from their estate will be divided between the College of Arts, Media, and Communication, and the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

In one of the university’s many athletic success stories, the Northridge men’s volleyball program was ranked fifth best in the nation earlier this year, its highest national ranking in several years. The Matadors are a consistent powerhouse in men’s volleyball, finishing the past six seasons ranked among the top 15 programs in the nation.