Curb Records Chairman and former California Lt. Gov. Mike Curb has pledged $10 million to support his alma mater’s exceptional programs in the arts. Half of Curb’s gift, the university’s largest cash contribution, will endow programs in CSUN’s renowned College of Arts, Media, and Communication. The other half will provide a lead gift for the university’s Imagine the Arts performing arts center and its role as a learning lab for CSUN students. President Jolene Koester announced plans to seek to name the arts college for Curb, who launched his career on the Northridge campus.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has named Cal State Northridge as one of the nation’s “Best Workplaces for Commuters” among colleges and universities. The EPA issued a list earlier this year recognizing Northridge among 72 campuses that offer exceptional commuter benefits for employees in an effort to improve air quality and employee commuting.

Los Angeles Magazine has selected Cal State Northridge’s public radio station, KCSN-88.5 FM, as the region’s best university-sponsored radio station. “In a city of superb college-affiliated radio stations…Cal State Northridge’s stands out,” the magazine said.

Northridge professors have been awarded nearly $9 million in grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in recent months. One $7 million federal grant will support faculty research on a variety of public health issues, including dementia, aging in women and streamlining the manufacturing of drugs. A $1.9 million NIH grant will support CSUN students, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels, who are considering careers in the sciences.