

California State University Northridge

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Cal State Northridge has the second largest population of international students among hundreds of master's-level colleges and universities in the United States, according to *Open Doors 2006*, an annual report on international education exchange. The report, issued by the Institute of International Education, ranked CSUN second in the nation with 1,693 international students, based on student enrollments for the 2005–06 academic year.

The University has bestowed its highest volunteer honors on philanthropist/civic activist David Fleming and kinesiology professor *emeritus* Sam Britten at the annual Volunteer Service Awards ceremony. Attorney and longtime CSUN Foundation board member David Fleming received the Dorothea “Granny” Heitz Award for Outstanding Volunteer Leadership. Britten received the Emeriti Merit Award, recognizing his more than 40 years of faculty service and founding of nationally renowned programs for people with physical disabilities.

Biology professor MariaElena Zavala, the first Chicana in the nation to receive a Ph.D. in botany (from UC Berkeley), has joined eight other Latina scientists in contributing their personal stories to a new book, *Flor y ciencia: Chicanas in Science, Mathematics and Engineering*. Zavala's story serves as encouragement, inspiration and plain proof that, despite continuing stereotypes and prejudices, women of color can have successful careers in the sciences.

Two Cal State Northridge journalism graduates, Edward Jacob and Heather Sinclair, have received national Mark of Excellence awards from the Society of Professional Journalists. The SPJ awards are given annually for the best in collegiate journalism in 43 different categories. The students won for their work in the student-staffed newsroom of KCSN-88.5 FM, the University's acclaimed public radio station.

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