Cal State Northridge has opened the doors of its new Washington Mutual Gallery showcasing 30 bronze statues by acclaimed American artist Harry Jackson. The gallery is located in Redwood Hall on the east side of the campus next to the entrance to the Matadome athletics venue. The statues, now on permanent display, feature various aspects of life in the early West, including figures of cowboys and Native Americans.

The latest addition to the University Student Union complex has been honored with the “Best Client Award” from the San Fernando Valley chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The award for the university’s newly named Sol Center recognizes the university’s partnership with the architects who designed the three-story, 28,000-square-foot structure, which is both technologically advanced and energy efficient.

The university has launched the nation’s only interdisciplinary minor in Spanish-language journalism. The minor in Northridge’s highly regarded Journalism Department is designed to prepare students to work in both English- and Spanish-language media, with the goal to improve coverage of Latino, Spanish-speaking communities.

Cal State Northridge has joined with 17 institutions in a new national initiative to better educate college students about personal and social responsibility. “Core Commitments: Educating Students for Personal and Social Responsibility” is a two-year project that will incorporate into freshmen classes at Northridge subjects such as the dangers of cheating and plagiarism, binge drinking and broader topics.