Cal State Northridge’s College of Business and Economics has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Commerce for its vital role in promoting international trade throughout the Los Angeles area. The college received the honor from Israel Hernandez, assistant to the United States secretary of commerce, last month. Hernandez presented the certificate during a forum on international trade.

President Jolene Koester has been honored by the Encino-Tarzana Hospital Charitable Foundation with its “Tree of Life” award for her high visibility in the San Fernando Valley, her community outreach and her philosophy that college is possible even for those who may have considered a degree out of reach.

The daughter of Irish immigrants, Mary Kathryn Quinn, a former journalist and owner of a Glendale apartment complex, has bequeathed a portion of her estate, valued at about $400,000, to Cal State Northridge for the creation of the F.W. and Agnes H. Quinn Memorial Scholarship Endowment. The endowment will provide two scholarships a year of about $10,000 each to single parents attending the university. A priority will be given to those students who want to become teachers.

Cal State Northridge’s head archivist in the university’s Urban Archives Center and University Archives, Robert Marshall, has been awarded the David G. Cameron Preservation Award by the Los Angeles City Historical Society for his “significant contributions to the preservation of our city’s heritage.”