Seventy-one juniors and seniors are taking “Introduction to Engineering,” an online, college-credit course being offered by Cal State Northridge for the first time to students at eight area high schools this fall. The students attend lectures by manufacturing systems engineering and management professor Tarek Shraibati online and do lab work at their schools.

Cinema and television arts professor Alexis Krasilovsky’s groundbreaking documentary, “Women Behind the Camera,” took top honors at the Moondance International Film Festival held last month at Universal Studios CityWalk Theater. The festival gave “Women Behind the Camera” its “Spirit of Moondance” award for best documentary feature film.

An AIDS hospice outside the Mexican city of Tijuana was the headquarters this spring of nine Cal State Northridge students enrolled in the university’s new interdisciplinary minor in Spanish-language journalism. The students were researching AIDS’ impact in the Latino community. Their work resulted in “Relatos contra el silencio: El sida en la comunidad Latina” (“Stories Against the Silence: AIDS in the Latin Community”), a 48-page special edition of El Nuevo Sol, the campus’ Spanish-language newspaper.

Professor emeritus of geological sciences A. Eugene Fritsche received the Grover E. Murray Memorial Distinguished Educator Award from the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG). First given in 1995, there are now 37 recipients of the award in the United States, Canada and Europe. Fritsche is one of two winners recognized for the first time from a west coast university in the U.S.