

# California State University Northridge

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Know...

**B**usinessman Tom Serrato and his wife, Julia, have created the Serrato Family Endowment at Cal State Northridge to provide support to deaf students and their families and encourage the students' participation and success in college. The Diamond Bar residents established the endowment with an initial gift of \$10,000 earlier this year, and pledged to contribute an additional \$40,000 over the next four years. The Serratos' son, Michael, graduated from Northridge in May with a degree in political science.

**C**al State Northridge ranks among the top 100 colleges and universities in the nation for minority students, according to a recent issue of *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*. Northridge ranked 12th in total baccalaureate degrees conferred to minorities in the academic year 2006–2007. CSUN awarded a total of 2,521 bachelor's degrees to students of color: 872 to men and 1,649 to women. They accounted for approximately 43 percent of the university's graduates that year.

**T**he winners of Cal State Northridge's 2008 Distinguished Alumni Awards include actress and author Teri Garr, nationally syndicated "Handel on the Law" radio host Bill Handel, and Adriana Ocampo Uria, an executive with NASA's Science Mission Program. The Distinguished Alumni Awards pay tribute to those whose achievements place them at the pinnacle of their professions.

### *50 Years of Life-Changing Opportunity....*

Entertainer Steve Allen was named to San Fernando Valley State College's advisory board in 1960, the same year Lyndon B. Johnson, then a candidate for Vice President of the United States, visited the campus.

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