

# Points of

California State University  
**Northridge**

## **Mike Curb College of Arts, Media, and Communication**

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The California State University Board of Trustees has approved naming the college the Mike Curb College of Arts, Media, and Communication. The trustees' action honored Northridge alumnus and former California Lt. Gov. Mike Curb, the award-winning songwriter, music producer and chairman of Curb Records, who donated \$10 million to the university.

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Graduate music student and opera soprano Ani Maldjian won first place at the Metropolitan Opera's western regional auditions, earning a trip to perform in The Met's national semifinals in New York.

The Journalism Department is home to one of a handful of Spanish Language Media programs in the nation.

Manzanita Hall, which houses the three communication departments, is a state-of-the-art facility that opened in 2001, cost \$21 million, and was designed by nationally recognized architect Robert A.M. Stern.

The college received grants totaling \$340,000 from The Open Society Institute to establish debate teams in socioeconomically disadvantaged public high schools in the Los Angeles area.

Los Angeles Magazine said, "KCSN 88.5 FM...In a city of superb college-affiliated classical music...Cal State Northridge's stands out...Thanks to a new signal booster in West L.A., KCSN now comes in loud and clear from the mountains to the sea."

Washington Mutual Bank gave the university a collection of 30 bronze statues—valued at \$740,000—by American artist Harry Jackson.

Theatre students traveled to Shanghai for the International Theatre Festival and presented the original play, "Blasting Holes in the Night," a hip-hop version of Sophocles' "Antigone."

Annually about 75,000 people attend cultural events on campus, and since 1980 the university's art galleries have hosted 500 exhibitions, bringing about 30,000 visitors to campus annually.

The campus hosts more than 250 music recitals every year, drawing about 19,000 music lovers.