Cal State Northridge posted its best year ever for fundraising in fiscal 2003–04 by generating $28.8 million in private support, the fifth consecutive yearly increase and enough to rank the university among the most successful fundraising campuses in the California State University system. The $28.8 million of charitable gift receipts from alumni, parents, supporters, foundations, corporations and CSUN employees represented a 53 percent increase over the $18.8 million raised in 2002–03.

The university’s Marilyn Magaram Center for Food Science, Nutrition and Dietetics has received a $250,000 grant to support ongoing programs and the operation of the center. Donated by the Joseph Drown Foundation, the award will fund the upgrading of the center’s state-of-the-art food sciences laboratory, the maintenance of program expenses, lecturer honoraria, as well as stipends and fellowships for student interns and researchers.

Physics professor Nicholas Kioussis has been named a 2005–2007 scholar with the prestigious Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics at UC Santa Barbara. Kioussis will spend the next two years meeting with some of the world’s top scientists to discuss future collaborative research projects and publications.

Senior music major Kentaro Sato has won the highest honor of the nation’s most prestigious choral music organization—the American Choral Directors Association’s Raymond Brock Choral Competition Award—in recognition of his “Kyrie,” a composition of sacred music for *a cappella* voices. Sato’s work was saluted in ceremonies during the ACDA’s February convention in Los Angeles.