CSU Northridge provides one of the best training grounds in the United States for tomorrow’s scientists, researchers, and engineers. The National Science Foundation ranks it among the nation’s top five comprehensive universities in the number of graduates who go on to earn doctorates in research and the sciences. In addition, the Carnegie Corporation recognizes Northridge as a top institution for educating future teachers. The university also is known for the quality of its accounting, psychology, and cinema and television arts programs.

High Magnitude Economic Impact
CSU Northridge’s annual impact on the Los Angeles region and the State of California is enormous:
- Annual spending related to CSU Northridge ($562.3 million) generates a total impact of $954 million on the regional economy, and more than $982 million on the statewide economy.
- This impact sustains more than 8,400 jobs in the region and statewide.
- Per year, the impact generates more than $54.7 million in local and nearly $58.8 million in statewide tax revenue.
- Even greater—nearly $3.2 billion of the earnings by alumni from CSU Northridge are attributable to their CSU degrees, which creates an additional $5 billion of industry activity throughout the state.

CSU Northridge improves California’s economy with research, innovation and entrepreneurship.
- CSU Northridge ranked in the top five among master’s level universities in the number of graduates who went on to earn PhDs in science in engineering, according to a National Science Foundation survey.
- CSU Northridge is a leading campus in providing research, service, and support to students and community members with a wide range of disabilities. The university’s Center on Disabilities annually hosts an international conference in Southern California, featuring the latest technological advancements for people with disabilities. The university’s federally supported National Center on Deafness is also a leader in its field, helping other campuses improve the education of deaf students and serving a CSU Northridge population of deaf students that is the largest of any university in the West.
CSU Northridge is an award-winning statewide leader in sustainability. Its projects include the single largest fuel cell power plant at any university in the world, generating 18 percent of the campus’ demand load. Waste water and carbon dioxide from the fuel cell nourish more than 4,300 plants in CSU Northridge’s subtropical rain forest, designed in collaboration with a student team. More than 5,800 solar panels have been installed at CSU Northridge, making it a leader in solar electric installations at California public universities and annually saving the campus more than $160,000 in energy costs. Of the nearly half dozen construction projects recently completed or under construction, all have exceeded state guidelines for energy efficiency by 15 to 30 percent, and the campus’ new central computerized irrigation control system is its latest large-scale conservation measure. Through the efforts of the new Sustainability Institute, 70 courses related to sustainability now are offered in a variety of disciplines. For its efforts to conserve resources, CSU Northridge has earned recognitions such as the Energy Efficiency Partnership Best Practices Award/Student Design Team Project and the CSU Sustainability Champion Award.

CSU Northridge improves life in the Los Angeles region through research, arts and community service.

• The university will open the Valley Performing Arts Center in January 2011. The three-building complex will be the largest and most technologically advanced venue of its kind in the area. The $125 million project will house academic programs for college as well as area K-12 students and, with the 1,700-seat great hall, will be large enough to accommodate full-scale Broadway productions and symphony orchestra concerts.

• CSU Northridge has a national reputation when it comes to the arts. Its graduates regularly receive accolades, whether taking top honors at film festivals, writing Grammy Award-winning songs, creating art work that becomes a cultural landmark, or singing Wagner with the LA Opera. Sharing that rich cultural experience with the community, the university regularly hosts hundreds of concerts, plays, film screenings, and art exhibits, typically attracting about 75,000 patrons to the campus annually.

• CSU Northridge’s Center of Achievement and its Abbott and Linda Brown Western Center for Adaptive Aquatic Therapy serve thousands in the community who have chronic and acute physical disabilities by providing therapeutic exercise programs in a caring, motivating environment. The Center of Achievement offers land-based, extended-care programs, and the Brown Center utilizes four treatment-specific pools to provide a variety of aquatic programs. The Center of Achievement and the Brown Center comprise the only comprehensive facility of its kind in the western United States.

• CSU Northridge faculty regularly offer their time, encouragement, and expertise to ensure that their students have the tools they need to succeed—and their efforts have not gone unnoticed. In the past 10 years, two members of the Northridge faculty have been recognized by the White House with Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring.

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CSU Northridge is a leader in diversity. It ranks 11th in the nation among colleges and universities for the number of its minority students who earn baccalaureate degrees, and fifth in the nation for bachelor’s degrees awarded to Latino students.