With an Internet video hookup, an assistant math professor at San Francisco State University engages two classrooms at once—one in San Francisco and one at La Universidad de Los Andes in Bogotá. The SFSU-Colombia Combinatorics Initiative earned him a National Science Foundation CAREER award. In fact, SF State earned two of only 28 NSF CAREER math awards in 2010, and was one of only five institutions in the country to earn more than one.

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