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A Cal Poly education is about more than just academics. We teach students how to apply their knowledge, blend theory and practice, and move beyond the fundamentals of their disciplines to let loose their creative minds.

We instill in our graduates a pioneering spirit that carries them to the leading edge of their chosen fields.

In this online-only edition of Cal Poly Magazine, we highlight just a few of the innovative leaders who've moved on from Cal Poly, exercised their creativity and made positive changes in the world.

Take, for example, recent Engineering grads Reed Morse and Grantland Chew, whose clever smartphone app Punchd just sold to Google for several million dollars.

Or there's Chuck Templeton, a 1994 Economics alum whose Web site aimed at helping neighbors share their goods and cut back on consumerism is just the latest in his long list of cutting-edge Internet ventures.

And there's Aaron Peckham, the Computer Science grad whose world famous Urban Dictionary web site has changed the way we think about language.

Elsewhere in this edition of Cal Poly Magazine:

- we update you on the construction of the new Center for Science and Mathematics in the heart of the campus;
- we help you experience some of the fun of the Week of Welcome 2011 as Cal Poly welcomes its latest batch of new students; and
- we introduce you to Natural Resources Management grad Lucinda Andreani and Political Science grad Lindsay Daley, who are working to protect Arizona communities hit by wildfires from the problems of ensuing flooding.

As always, we appreciate you reading Cal Poly Magazine. We hope you find it both entertaining and helpful in staying connected to the university and the greater Cal Poly community.

And we welcome your comments, questions and story ideas. Feel free to send them to me at mlazier@calpoly.edu.

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