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**Biotech QL+ Center at Cal Poly and Founding Alum Are Topic of Filming**

A camera crew with the United Services Automobile Association (USAA) was on campus filming Jon Monett (IE '64) at Cal Poly this week.

The project was a segment for the organization's annual report, and will be released in a forthcoming publication themed "Doing the Right Thing."

USAA, which provides insurance and services to members of the U.S. Military and their families, chose to feature Monett because of his distinguished 26-year career with the Central Intelligence Agency and because of his founding of Cal Poly's Quality of Life Plus (QL+) Laboratory.

Through research and development of prostheses, wheelchairs, and other equipment, the biotech center seeks to improve the lives of men and women who have been injured in battle or in duty to their country. Current projects underway include an off-road wheelchair, heavy equipment modifications and lifts to enable employment of veterans at construction sites, and wheelchair modifications and lifts to allow for greater mobility and independence of a quadriplegic.

The Monett Foundation supported the creation of the center with a \$500,000 donation.

[Read the Spring 2009 Cal Poly Magazine story on Monett and the Center](#)



**Andrea Lam**  
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2007



**"Cal Poly has changed me and made me a better person."**

*For my senior project I was the project manager for an RFID system. It was a little overwhelming, but I got a lot out of it. Plus, I have a wonderful department. My favorite part of IME is the people.*