

A native of Warsaw, Poland, Dr. Anna Krawcynska Paré '86 came to the U.S. as a child ... and stayed. She was living in New York in 1982 and traveled to Chapel Hill to visit friends. Together, they watched the semi-finals and championship of the 1982 NCAA tournament. She enrolled at UNC that fall, and the rest is history.

"I had a wonderful experience ... Chapel Hill was my first real home in the States," said Anna, who now lives in Atlanta. "I received a great education here, and I had an incredible international group of friends — a veritable United Nations." A sister in Chi Omega sorority, Anna earned her bachelor's degree at UNC, then got her M.D. from Emory University, where she met her husband, Dr. Richard E. Paré. Their daughters, Alexandra '17 and Kristina (Kiki) '20, are both Tar Heels.

As president of Dermatology Consultants in Atlanta, Anna's schedule is hectic. But she comes back, and gives back, to Carolina. She serves on the Carolina Women's Leadership Council and recently joined the Executive Committee. Together, she and Richard created the

Paré Family Fund for Excellence to support the Shuford Program in Entrepreneurship in the College of Arts & Sciences, where Anna serves on the Advisory Board. They also support the Council's scholarship honoring Lanier Brown May and the Institute for the Arts and Humanities, among other areas.

The Council keeps Anna plugged into Carolina. "My experience has been phenomenal," she said. "I have reconnected with old friends, made new ones and had the privilege of mentoring, encouraging and promoting young women at Carolina. It's so important to me because my daughters have had extraordinary experiences here also, and I want to ensure our future women leaders have the support, guidance and resources they need for success."

The Carolina Women's Leadership Council is a network of women committed to supporting the University. For more information, contact Lanier Brown May at lanier_may@unc.edu or 919-843-5883.





