Priscilla Patterson Taylor of Chapel Hill has deep Carolina roots. Her parents, three siblings and two daughters are also alumni. She dotes on her seven grandchildren, fourth-generation Tar Heels-in-training, who one day may follow in the family’s Heel prints. Priscilla wouldn’t have it any other way.

Originally from New Bern, North Carolina, Priscilla moved with her family to Chapel Hill so her surgeon-father could pursue a new specialty. Though women typically couldn’t enroll at Carolina as first-year students at the time, as a “townie” she received an exception.

“My time at Carolina was unforgettable,” she said. “I enjoyed every aspect — from participating in the Honors College, to studying abroad, to building lifelong friendships, to working with student government and rallying school spirit with my fellow cheerleaders — Carolina changed my life.”

Now, Priscilla is equally passionate about giving her time, talent and philanthropic gifts back to the University she loves. She supports Honors Carolina, University Libraries and Graduate School as well as the arts, faculty enrichment and student scholarships. She served on the UNC Board of Governors for 17 years and has also served on the GAA Board of Directors, Graduate School Advisory Board, Friends of the Library Board of Directors and the Class of 1966 Reunion Committee. She is a member of the Chancellor’s Philanthropic Council and the Carolina Women’s Leadership Council, both dedicated to the success of For All Kind: the Campaign for Carolina, the University’s most ambitious fundraising effort ever.

“I’m thrilled to be a part of this critical network of Carolina women who love this University as much as I do,” Priscilla said. “I hope my daughters continue our family’s legacy with their own involvement on the council and with our alma mater.”

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.