Lisa Huffines, of New York, New York, came to North Carolina from Tulsa, Oklahoma, to visit other area schools and caught Carolina Fever. “I was staying in Chapel Hill, and Carolina worked its magic,” she said. She became a Tar Heel, and that Carolina “magic” set the scene for a number of significant moments in Huffines’ life: meeting her husband, Robert “Robbie” Huffines ’87, making lifelong friends in Pi Beta Phi Sorority and honors work with renowned professors. “I couldn’t have asked for a better experience,” she said.

Now, she and Robbie are sharing that experience with their children — son Doug ’17, and daughters Bea ’20, Nora and Anne. “Carolina is such a happy place; to think about my children being here is really special,” Lisa said. “It was the best experience, and I want that for my children and for every student here.” Lisa and Robbie each earned graduate degrees elsewhere, but their hearts belong to Carolina.

The couple serves on Kenan-Flagler Business School’s Parents Council, and Lisa serves on the Carolina Women’s Leadership Council and the Women’s Executive Committee. They generously support their alma mater, including the College of Arts and Sciences’ Shuford Program in Entrepreneurship and English department; the business school; and the Council’s Faculty Mentoring Awards and the Scholarship Honoring Lanier Brown May.

“When I first joined the Council, I didn’t know much about it, but I was excited that women were becoming more involved in the University’s fundraising efforts; I couldn’t wait to get involved,” she said. “Thanks to the co-chairs and Council members for their hard work in engaging more women in the life of the University and fostering our philanthropic goals. Now, we have come to this great moment where women can, and will, be more involved in philanthropy. I’m thrilled to share this opportunity with women who, like me, love this place and want the best for every Tar Heel.”

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