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Molly Whitehurst Bourne '93

For Molly Whitehurst Bourne '93, attending Carolina is a family tradition. She likes to say that she is “Tar Heel Bourne.” Her years at Carolina were filled with camaraderie, academic exploration and unforgettable moments, including celebrating the 1993 national championship on Franklin Street — on her birthday.

After graduating with a degree in political science, Molly pursued a JD/MBA from Wake Forest University, where she met her husband, Banks. Settling in Charlotte, they co-founded Bourne Partners, an investment bank focusing on the health sector, a field deeply ingrained in her family’s history. Her great-grandfather was a community doctor; her great-grandmother was a community nurse who gave her body to science at UNC-Chapel Hill when she died; and her father went to medical school at Carolina.

Despite her busy schedule, Molly is committed to giving back to Carolina. She serves on the boards of the Carolina Women’s Leadership Council and the Shuford

Program for Entrepreneurship — a program she learned about as a member of CWLC. “When I was at Carolina, there was no entrepreneur program, and that’s exactly what I wanted to be. I just didn’t know how to say that,” said Molly. Molly and Banks also give generously to the Shuford program and UNC Kenan-Flagler, including the health care minor. She also gives back as a mentor with the business school’s 100 Women.

Molly has experienced Carolina as a student, a mentor, a volunteer — and now as a parent to two fifth-generation Tar Heels. Her son, Fairbanks, is studying history and business, and her daughter, Mary Pope, is interested in public health. “Their experiences have been completely different,” said Molly. “I love how the University has met them where they are. They are as over the moon in love with Carolina as I am.”

Molly swears she didn’t indoctrinate them. They, too, are just Tar Heel Bournes.



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