

The University of California, Irvine

Parent Executive Board



Mission of the Parent Executive Board

The UCI Parent Executive Board is a select group of parents that provide and facilitate leadership-level philanthropic support and resources for the university, and promote activities that enrich the UCI student experience. Members serve as trusted advisers to university leadership on student life initiatives, provide feedback on current issues facing UCI and act as well-informed representatives of the campus.



“I joined the Parent Executive Board to do something meaningful for the UCI community. The most meaningful part of the PEB is the chance to help students directly, through grants and community and career connections. The PEB is a community of generous parents, both of time and treasure. The greatest success for me was to understand and apply the rubric for grantmaking that is aligned with the mission of UCI. We support the American dream.”

Laarni von Ruden, Parent Executive Board Chair
Anteater Parent of Gian-Paolo, UCI School of Education

Roles and Responsibilities

The Parent Executive Board consists of UCI undergraduate parents and strives for representation from diverse backgrounds and academic interests across campus. The roles and responsibilities of the Parent Executive Board include:

- **Fostering**
relationships to create a greater sense of community between the university and the parents of its students
- **Engaging**
parents as resources in career programming, mentoring, and internship and job placement
- **Enhancing**
opportunities for academically talented students through direct engagement with them, their families and other key influencers
- **Recommending**
strategies for strengthening the undergraduate experience
- **Providing**
individual philanthropic support at leadership levels

What is the Anteater Grant Initiative?

Through the Anteater Grant Initiative, Parent Executive Board members hear firsthand from undergraduate organizations that create programs and resources that impact the UCI student body and the greater campus community.

Each organization resides under six categories that represent the needs and interests of undergraduate students.

These categories include:

- Academic Support
- Community Outreach
- Division of Undergraduate Education
- Leadership Initiatives
- Student Health and Wellness
- Student Support

“I wanted to send a note of thanks for the generous gift of \$10,000 that you provided Student Success Initiatives this past academic year to support our peer mentorship program. As a result of your gift, our peer mentors were able to work an additional 500+ hours, providing one-on-one guidance to nearly 200 student participants in our signature programs...It is so great to have individuals on the Board who are supportive of Student Success Initiatives and our students. It can be a struggle at times to maintain the resources necessary for our most vulnerable students to be successful at UCI, and to realize that we can count on external support like the support you have given to us is immensely gratifying.” (2021)

Kevin M. Huie, M.Ed., Executive Director, Student Success,
Office of the Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning

Parent Executive Board Engagement

The Parent Executive Board is invited to participate in two retreat-style meetings: once in the fall and again in the spring. Receptions, including dinners hosted by the Parent & Family Engagement team, take place on Friday and are followed by Saturday's official board meeting. All members receive a detailed, post-meeting summary to keep the entire board informed, especially those who could not attend.

Anteater Grant Initiative Fund

Each year, Parent Executive Board members make donations to the AGI fund. The recommended donation is \$5,000 annually, with the option to allocate \$1,500 of the donation toward the Chancellor's Club Fund for Excellence, which supports first-generation college students.

Undergraduate organizations are invited to apply for AGI support. During the spring retreat, qualifying applicants present their grant proposals to the full board. Board members collectively review and select which organizations they would like to award each year, making a direct impact on current student initiatives.

The UC Irvine Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation. Your gift qualifies for tax deduction in accordance with IRS regulations during the calendar year that you make your gift. Please consult your tax professional for more information.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the Parent Executive Board's top priorities?

1. Act as well-informed and knowledgeable ambassadors for the university
2. Review and select Anteater Grant Initiative proposals from organizations focused on student support
3. Partner/advise university leadership on initiatives that fulfill their passions
4. Serve on subcommittees to advance the mission of the university

What benefits do you receive as a Parent Executive Board member?

- Concurrent membership to the Chancellor's Club*
- Invitations to special events including dinner at the chancellor's home
- Direct partnership with university leadership on timely issues relating to the undergraduate student experience and how to advance the university's priorities
- Opportunities to network and engage with fellow parents, alumni and students
- Access to events where members can learn how to help their student navigate career services, set senior year priorities, and encourage their student's lifelong alumni relationship with UCI
- Impact the lives of undergraduate students at UCI through focused philanthropy efforts

**Concurrent membership obtained when allocating \$1,500 of your \$5,000 donation toward the Chancellor's Club Fund for Excellence.*

What is the level of commitment to be involved?

The Parent Executive Board meets for retreats twice a year and is invited to receptions where it is highly encouraged to bring their students. Members are recommended to contribute \$5,000 annually for each year their student is an undergraduate. In addition, we ask members to consider a capstone gift in honor of their child's graduation that would support an area important to their student and/or family.

Does UCI accept matching gifts from parents' places of employment?

Yes! Some companies match their employees' gifts to universities. This could double or even triple your gift's impact at UCI. You must first contact your employer to initiate a matching gift. You can find out more information regarding matching gifts at matching-gifts@uci.edu.

How do I sign up for the Parent Executive Board?

Contact Christine Anaya at ceanaya@uci.edu or (949) 824-3637 to learn more about the application process.



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