At UC Santa Cruz, your family includes your entire family.

Alumna Sarah Davis-Weyman graduated from UCSC in 2003. As a student, Sarah spent a semester abroad, made lifetime friends at Merrill College, and challenged herself by pursuing a bachelor’s degree in legal studies.

In Sarah’s Southern California hometown, her mother, Terry Davis, got involved with UCSC because she wanted to connect her daughter’s undergraduate experience with the wider UCSC community, creating relationships that could be hers for the rest of her life.

“I was so proud that Sarah made her own choice about where to go to school. I got involved with UCSC to build Banana Slug traditions and to open doors for her and other UCSC alumni in our area.”

Parent programs build community.

Terry Davis is an ambassador to other UCSC parents, students, and alumni in Southern California. “We can make the UCSC community accessible in our own communities. We’ve had other parents over to our home to meet university staff and the Chancellor. Thanks to the newly organized parent programs, even more opportunities are available for parents to get involved.”

The best part, Terry says, is that being involved can empower parents. “It’s more than paying tuition. Involvement is about an emotional involvement and understanding.”

Today, Terry serves on the university’s Foundation Board of Trustees and volunteers with Sarah at UCSC’s Southern California events.

UCSC Parent Programs support UCSC students. For more information, call Director of Parent Programs Frankie Melvin at (831) 466-2922 or e-mail parentprograms@ucsc.edu.