Ann Reed was first connected with UC San Diego through her children. Between the three of them, she has a mother’s bragging rights to not only three UC San Diego bachelor’s degrees and two master’s degrees, but also an MD / PhD in Neurosciences. In addition, her son-in-law completed his MBA at UC San Diego Rady School of Management.

Ann and her husband, Joel, are firm believers in and backers of public schools. A graduate of Arizona State University with a degree in accounting, Ann recalls a job interview in which she was asked if she could compete with Ivy League accounting graduates. Indeed, she competed very successfully over several years with Deloitte Haskins & Sells in Denver, Colorado, before launching her career as a super-involved full-time mother and community booster. In addition to hands-on classroom volunteering, Ann has led and/or participated in campaigns that have raised over $1 million for her children’s K – 12 public schools.

She is also politically active, serving as San Diego Regional Co-Chair for Republican senate and governor campaigns.

Ann was initially brought into the UC San Diego fold when the Music Department reached out to her through her son, who had had an excellent learning experience while earning a music minor. Ann joined Friends of the Music Department and turned her attention to helping to raise funds for what would become the Conrad Prebys Music Center. “We’re more math and science in our house, but we appreciate music and believe the arts are an important part of education. I was a board member of the foundation that brought music back to the San Dieguito district schools.”

Beyond the UC San Diego Foundation board, Ann also currently sits on the Advisory board at Scripps Cardiovascular Center. “In addition to our commitment to public education, both Joel and I feel a need to be involved in the field of health care. We’re very concerned about the United States’ ability to maintain its public education and healthcare systems as the best in the world, and are committed to doing what we can for both systems.”

As for being involved with UC San Diego, “I believe that a strong, innovative UCSD is a critical component for the well being of California and our community, and serving on this board is a way that I can support UCSD’s mission.”