When it was time to select a college, it was her father who encouraged Pam Palisoul to consider attending a new university called UC San Diego. Pam enrolled in 1968 when the campus had just three colleges, and was among some of the first students to graduate. Coming from a family of physicians, she entered with the intention of pursuing medicine, but later changed course and earned a degree in literature.

After finishing school, Pam went to work in sales. She loved the interaction with people from different places and diverse backgrounds. She remained connected to UC San Diego by later joining the Alumni Board of Directors, motivated by her interest in enriching the student experience on campus and developing loyal and proud alumni.

“Being asked to join the Foundation was an honor for me,” she said. “It is wonderful working with incredible volunteers and staff with expertise, vision, and energy!”

In addition to her service on campus, Pam is actively involved with other community organizations. When the founders of Green Flash Brewery began to establish their business, Pam and her husband provided support to start up the brewery. She continues to stay connected as Corporate Secretary for the company.

She also serves as a docent and member of the Board of Trustees at the Timken Museum of Art, and is a dedicated supporter of local organizations such as the San Diego Natural History Museum and Pro Kids Golf.

Pam and her husband raised three children, all of whom graduated from a University of California campus, including two who attended UC San Diego. All have gone on to complete master’s degrees in their respective fields.

In her spare time, Pam loves gardening and playing at golf, as well as spending time with her children and grandchildren.