



UC San Diego Foundation Trustee



Lucy Haugh

“It was a good idea,” says Lucy Haugh, and indeed it was. Lucy believes that her position as a Trustee on the UC San Diego Foundation can be linked to a phone call and lunch date she had with the then-Vice Chancellor of External Relations, to discuss that idea. “I told him about Town and Gown at USC and the Women’s Club at the University of Chicago, and he said you belong on the Foundation Board.”

As a result, today Lucy not only serves as a Trustee, but also as the president of Town and Gown, a group of mostly women who meet monthly for lunch with a lecturer on campus. Lucy’s key connections in the community created the start of a network that has grown to include many women who now support the campus through gifts to scholarships.

“It would never have come to fruition without others who also thought it would be a good idea. We persevered, we formed a little committee, and I remember looking at the small space we would use and thinking, what happens if more than 80 come?” They did, and today Town and Gown counts 235 members and campus supporters.

Lucy feels very strongly that being on the board of a nonprofit means fund-raising, and her legacy to UC San Diego will be her success in bringing women onto campus who have never engaged with UCSD in the past.

Passionate about the importance of education, her involvement on the UC San Diego campus encompasses more than the Foundation and Town and Gown; she has also served on the UCSD Board of Overseers, is a Chancellor’s Associate, and has been involved with Friends of the UCSD Libraries. She has long been associated with the San Diego Museum of Art, the Wednesday Club, and is a sustaining Charter Member of the Balboa Park Millennium Society.

Lucy graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas, Austin, and for all her years of living and raising her three daughters in New Orleans, California, England and India, you still hear a steel-magnolia Texas accent when she says, “It’s very important that people come to this campus. They need to feel a part of it.”