

Dear [parent names],

Congratulations and welcome to the Anteater family! We know firsthand the many emotions which arise during your child's transition to college. Since our son Rushil embarked on his college career in the Donald Bren School of Information & Computer Sciences, we have found a strong sense of connection and well-being through our participation on the Parent Executive Board.

One of the most powerful functions of our board is to support the greatest critical student and campus needs through the Anteater Grant Initiative. It is deeply meaningful to work alongside families from across the country to select student and campus organizations for funding. Our work is truly making a tangible difference in the lives of students representing an array of underrepresented communities. **Now is an exciting time to become involved!**

This year, we are growing our community of parent donors by opening membership to five new families. **It is with great pride we extend an invitation for your family to join us on the Parent Executive Board.** Our next Parent Executive Board Reception will be held on Friday, Nov. 8, and our meeting takes place on Saturday, Nov. 9. These biannual gatherings provide an opportunity to meet deans, vice chancellors and other campus leadership to get a glimpse behind the scenes of UCI.

We believe your family's outstanding commitment to your student's education and success makes you a perfect fit to join our group of UCI families dedicated to strengthening the campus culture. To guide you on your first-year journey, Christina Johnson, director of Parent Engagement at UCI, is here to help you navigate campus resources and explore interests tailored to your unique expertise. Her team's mission is to ensure board members have the support and access to realize the full Anteater family experience.

**If you would like to join the Parent Executive Board or attend the upcoming gatherings, please contact Christina by Friday, Oct. 11 at [Chrisrj@uci.edu](mailto:Chrisrj@uci.edu).**

We look forward to discussing board membership with you!

With Anteater Pride,

Drs. Neelu and Ashish Mehra  
Junior Anteater Parents and Parent Executive Board Chairs

