Jack Davis earned two degrees from NMSU, a BS in Medical Technology in ’69 and BS in Electrical Engineering in ’73. The later degree he earned while working as chief medical technologist at Memorial General Hospital in Las Cruces. He went on to work for the Arizona Public Service Company and, in 2003, became the president and chief executive officer. He also served as president and chief operating officer at Pinnacle West Capital Corporation and was chairman of the Western Governors’ Association Task Force on energy issues during the Western energy crisis. Though retired, Davis is currently the chairman of the board for the Portland General Electric Company, which is traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

In addition to his professional success, Davis has served in leadership roles on many boards and organizations, including the NMSU Foundation, the Arizona Community Foundation, the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and the Arizona Theatre Company. He has also been the chairman of several charitable capital campaigns, including the Project Challenge Capital Campaign, for which he was awarded the rank of Colonel in the Arizona National Guard.

His generosity of time and resources also extends back to his alma mater. Davis and his wife, MaryLou, established the Jack and MaryLou Davis Scholarship in Engineering, and invested in the Jack and MaryLou Davis Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Lab. He also provides guidance to students in the Engineering College through lectures, and served as vice-chairman of the College of Engineering Dean’s Advisory Council.

Davis and MaryLou live in Scottsdale, Arizona. They have a son, Brian Davis, who lives in Portland, Oregon with his wife, Lorna and daughter, Astarte.