



Cleveland State University



KAREN A. WHITE was appointed as an ex officio member of the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees on July 1, 2023, by virtue of her position as Chair of the Cleveland State University Foundation, Inc.

Ms. White is Sr. Vice President and Manager, Community Relations and Corporate Initiatives, at KeyBank. In this role, she is accountable for leading the strategy for community impact through employee engagement, including Key’s annual day of service which provides nearly 20,000 hours of volunteer time annually, and Key’s nationwide United Way Campaign activities which yield approximately \$3 million annually. She leads the oversight and distribution of a \$3 million charitable sponsorship budget, engages Key’s executives and teammates on strategic nonprofit board placement, and leads teams of up to 75 people across the U.S. for strategic community impact outcomes. Ms. White is also responsible for the development of corporate initiatives that bring economic impact opportunities to low-income individuals and underserved communities.

Previously, Ms. White held the role of Senior Program Officer for KeyBank Foundation, stewarding a \$40 million active grant portfolio in the states of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Pennsylvania. She continues to provide oversight and direction for several grants of scale.

Prior to joining Key, she held roles with Calfee, Halter & Griswold, Kahn Kleinman, and with Raymond R. November, Esq. in various non-attorney administrative and paralegal positions.

Ms. White currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors for Cleveland State University Foundation, and is a member of the board of Philanthropy Ohio. She is a graduate of the FBI Citizen’s Academy, and lends her time as an advisory consultant for multiple community NGO’s.

She is a graduate of Sawyer College of Business.

Karen enjoys painting and is a published author. *“Love You More Than You Know”*, which details the experiences of 45 Ohio mothers who have sent their sons or daughters to war. She and her husband, Bob, live in Broadview Hts., Ohio, and have two adult children and two grandchildren.