

Margot James Copeland

Margot J. Copeland retired in June 2019 after 18 years as chair and CEO of the KeyBank Foundation. She is known for transformative philanthropy and community engagement.

In addition to membership on Cuyahoga Community College's Board of Visitors, Copeland currently serves as trustee and vice chair of government affairs and community engagement at the Cleveland Clinic. She is also active on the boards of The Cleveland Orchestra, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum and Say Yes to Education.

Copeland recently concluded nine years at Kent State University, where she served as board secretary, chair of nominating and governance, and chair of academic excellence and student success.

Prior to heading the KeyBank Foundation, Copeland garnered national and regional accolades for her work as KeyBank's first chief diversity officer. She previously served as executive leader of The Greater Cleveland Roundtable and Leadership Cleveland, and in 1999, she became founding executive director of the Greater Cleveland Partnership's Commission on Economic Inclusion.

At KeyBank, Copeland developed strategies for philanthropic investing and measuring long-term performance — earning the company Civic 50 recognition in six consecutive years, with four distinctions in the financial services sector.

Copeland is widely known for her work to strengthen schools, neighborhoods and workforces in Cleveland and beyond. She is passionate about serving communities, and her enthusiasm readily engages people at all levels.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in physics from Hampton University and a Master of Arts from The Ohio State University. The mother of three and grandmother of one resides in Northeast Ohio.