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Holly Harris Bane, Associate Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Engagement, provides leadership for aligning and leveraging the university's expertise in education, workforce training, and resource development to initiate new opportunities for strategic engagement that benefit the university, region and state. In addition to fostering and maintaining strategic partnerships, Holly also is responsible for securing financial and political support for many of these initiatives. Within the University, Holly provides leadership for creating a unified decentralized model of engagement through policy formation, revenue share models, engagement models, market research, and the establishment of a University Engagement Council.

Before joining The University of Akron in her current role, Holly was executive director Ohio Governor Bob Taft's chief educational initiative, OhioReads. In this role, Holly was responsible for the development, marketing, distribution and support of a \$50 million grant program and the recruitment of 20,000 volunteers to serve as reading tutors in Ohio's K-4 grades. From 1989 to 1999, Holly helped launch and build The Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at The University of Akron where she developed and directed the Institute's internship program, national conferences and speaker series, cultivated its alumni network and state and federal relations. Prior to joining UA, Holly was director of the International Student Program at Otterbein College.

Holly resides in Hudson, Ohio, with her husband, Jim, two sons, Jacob and Joshua, and two pugs.