



Andrew Leask Ortiz

Director of Institutional Advancement

Andrew Leask Ortiz was born and raised in Puerto Rico. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in astronomy from the University of Virginia and a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing from Old Dominion University.

Since moving to Northeast Ohio in 2015, Andrew has devoted his career to the nonprofit field. He worked as a writer and music and entertainment editor for The Devil Strip and associate vice president of brand management and communications at United Way of Summit & Medina. He has served on the boards of directors of the Akron Symphony Orchestra and American Advertising Foundation's Akron chapter. In 2026, he joined the staff of the Canton Symphony Orchestra, where he serves as director of institutional advancement, leading the marketing and development team and overseeing the creation and implementation of the organization's marketing and communications strategy.

Though his love of music outstrips his talent, Andrew passes his free time playing guitar and tinkering with music gear. He loves reading and writing fiction and spending time with his wife, Amy, and his children, Viviana and Isaac.