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Director of Program Administration

Mary Ann Welch has worked for the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority since 1979. She has held her current position since 1992. In that position, Mary Ann is responsible for overseeing the management and administration of the RI State Grant Program, the Scholar Recognition Program, the Academic Promise Scholarship, the 5&10 Matching Grant Program, and the CollegeBound*fund* Tuition Savings Program.

As a NASSGAP member, Mary Ann served as secretary and has co-chaired two conferences. She is also a member of EASFAA and, as a member of RIASFAA, has served as Secretary and Vice President.

Mary Ann holds a bachelor of arts degree from Rhode Island College.

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Assistant Commissioner for Student Services

Lois began her tenure at the Coordinating Board in 1982. From 1989 to 2001 she worked in Loan Program Operations as the Assistant Director of Loan Services, overseeing the Hinson-Hazlewood College Student Loan Program's Loan Origination, Collections and Claims offices. She served on Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation's Lender/School Advisory Committee for five years and was the site chair for the fall 2004 conference of the National Association of State Student Grant Aid Programs (NASSGAP).

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She began serving as the Acting Assistant Commissioner for Student Services on March 1, 2001 and on May 25, 2001, she became the Assistant Commissioner for Student Services.

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