

## **Lauri Deviney – Biography**

**Ms. Lauri Deviney** has 30 years of higher education experience. From 1988 through 2000, Ms. Deviney began her career as an analyst with the Legislative Budget Board working with the Texas A&M Service Agencies and various general government agencies. Over the 12 years there, she worked closely with all areas of higher education and spent four years as the manager of the higher education team, overseeing all the higher education budget and budget issues for the LBB.

Ms. Deviney joined the Texas A&M University System family in 2000 as a member of the State Relations Team. With her background and expertise in the higher education appropriations process, Lauri focuses primarily on the appropriations bill and related legislative issues such as tuition revenue bonds, tuition and fees, and the funding formulas. During the interim between legislative sessions, she monitors interim hearings and the formula advisory committees, brings legislative members and staff to various campuses, and helps the institutions to formulate their legislative appropriations requests for the next session. During the legislative session, Lauri works with both the institutions and the various legislative appropriation committees' members and staff in laying out our institutions needs' and analyzing the impacts of legislative proposals and decisions.

She earned her BA from Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas in 1985 and furthered her education by obtaining a Master's of Public Affairs from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin in 1987.

Ms. Deviney was born and reared in Colby, Kansas, a small rural community in northwestern Kansas. She is married to Lee Deviney; they have three boys ages 20, 18 and 15.