

Mary E. “Lisa” Eason
Assistant Commissioner of Administration
Technical College System of Georgia



Lisa Eason began her professional career with the State of Georgia as an intern with the Georgia Department of Audits in January of 1995, and went to work full-time with the Department after graduating from the University of West Georgia in August of 1996 with a BBA in Accounting. She also worked as an accounting manager in the Georgia Insurance Commissioner’s Office before being hired in 1999 by the Department of Technical and Adult Education, which later became the Technical College System of Georgia.

Lisa received several promotions during her tenure with the Technical College System and in February 2008 the Commissioner recognized Lisa’s contributions to the system by promoting her to the position of Assistant Commissioner of Administration. She currently serves in that role, providing expert assistance and guidance in all areas relating to the administration of fiscal affairs, human resources and information technology for Georgia’s 24 technical colleges, the Office of Adult Education, and Quick Start; the System’s workforce training program. Lisa also works closely with the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget, the State Accounting Office, House and Senate budget offices, and other state agencies to ensure the administrative needs of the system are always being met.

Lisa has followed an unlikely but inspiring path of success to become the Assistant Commissioner for Administration. Born and raised in Knoxville, Tennessee, she was a young mother when she dropped out of high school. Lisa received her GED several years later and says, “It changed my life and inspired me to always challenge myself to find greater achievement in my education, my job, and what I can do for my family.”

Lisa is the recipient of the 2008 Georgia GED Outstanding Achievement Award for her accomplishments in her education and career. She’s a regular keynote speaker at GED graduations throughout the state, relating the story of her past experience and challenging others to never stop learning.

Lisa graduated from the TCSG Leadership Academy in October of 2008 and the Governor’s Executive Leadership Program in June of 2010. She also currently serves on the Alumni Board of Directors at the University of West Georgia where she is now pursuing her MBA.

Lisa is married to Jim Eason and they live in Sharpsburg, Georgia. She has three grown children, one stepdaughter and ten grandchildren. She enjoys tracing her family tree, playing video games with the grandkids, and spending time with her family and friends.