



## David E. Sweet Award

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**Laura M. DiSano**  
***Senior Vice President***  
***Bank of America Rhode Island***

Laura DiSano is a lifelong resident of the state of Rhode Island, a product of Newport public schools, and a graduate of the University of Rhode Island.

Upon completion of her Masters, Laura spent 12 years in the administration of University of Rhode Island and the Community College of Rhode Island as Director of Special Services under the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Her professional expertise in higher education focused on the design, development, and proposal writing of programs which served disabled and disadvantaged students. She continues to be passionately committed to providing access to higher education for low-income and disabled students as the key to achieving their full potential.

This commitment has remained a key tenet in Laura's professional life and enables her to positively influence the RI landscape through leveraging her expertise in business, government service and community enrichment. Her community service spans board and committee service in educational policy, such as the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority; the arts, such as Black Repertory Theatre; leadership and economic development, such as United Way; and others too numerous to mention.

Laura's career, spanning over two decades in Business Financial Services at Fleet and Bank of America, has included a variety of executive positions in business development, sales and marketing, product development, strategy, and communications.

Her experience has allowed Laura to integrate and leverage her various professional and volunteer roles. These combine with her strong networks, her ability to influence, her grounded perspective and her belief in the ability to accomplish, even in the most challenging environments, making her not only a valuable resource, but a committed partner in any project with which she becomes involved.

Laura resides in Warwick with her husband Dennis and has two grown children.