Maj. Gen. Marcia Anderson earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Creighton in 1979 and a law degree from Rutgers University School of Law. She has stated that joining the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) at Creighton was one of the best things she has done in her life because it challenged her to be a better leader and role model.


Maj. Gen. Anderson regularly returns to Creighton to speak to young cadets and their families about the importance of sound leadership, education, diversity and technical proficiency in the workforce, Army and nation.

Her military career spans more than three decades and she recently served as a senior advisor to the Army’s leadership in Washington, D.C. She has helped influence military policy, she strives for a more diverse and inclusive military and she offers advice and counsel to young service members.

Maj. Gen. Anderson’s military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (with one Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Parachutist Badge, and the Physical Fitness Badge.

For her roles in leadership and her commitment to students, Maj. Gen. Marcia Anderson is a most deserving recipient of the 2015 College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Merit Award.