

Distinguished Alumna 2012
Diane Anderson
Class of 1992

A native Oklahoman who grew up in Okmulgee County, Diane Anderson graduated from Morris High School and earned her Associate of Science degree in Business Administration from Northern Oklahoma College. She also received a Master's degree from the University of Oklahoma. She began her professional career with Conoco, Inc. in Ponca City, working in the geology and geophysics departments before becoming Coordinator of Community Relations. Her service as a community activist includes membership in and chair of numerous boards and committees of civic, political and professional organizations at the state as well as at the local level. Ms. Anderson served three terms as City Commissioner for the City of Ponca City and two terms as Vice Mayor, the third woman and the first African American elected to that position. She was a founder of the Child Advocacy Center of Kay County and a Court Appointed Specialty Advocate. Ms. Anderson is active in the New Life Baptist Church and serves as the pastor's secretary. Her life goal has been to leave the world better than she found it for her family and her community.