



Marene Allison '80

Marene Allison served as the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) for Johnson & Johnson for over 12 years. In this role, she was responsible for safeguarding the pharmaceutical giant's global information technology systems and business data. Her work included ensuring that Johnson & Johnson's information security posture supported business growth, maintained public trust in the brand, and met rigorous legal and regulatory requirements.

She has received several notable awards in the field of cybersecurity, including CISO of the Year in 2020, highlighting her leadership and the resilience of Johnson & Johnson's security mission during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic, and a Lifetime CISO Achievement Award in 2022. In 2023, Allison was selected as a Distinguished Graduate of the United States Military Academy.

Allison graduated from the United States Military Academy in the first class to include women in 1980. She was commissioned as a Military Police Officer and served in the 502nd Military Police Company at Fort Hood, Texas as a platoon leader and executive officer. In 1986 she joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation with assignments in San Diego and Newark, New Jersey. In 1992, she left government service to take increasing security jobs in the Fortune 100.

Marene enjoys engaging an audience and has been a featured speaker at West Point for the Castle Lecture Series, the Corbin Seminar, the History Department, and the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department. For over a decade she worked as a Military Academy Liaison Officer and was the State Coordinator for New Jersey. In 2004, she helped establish West Point Women (WPW) to connect, inspire, and lead women cadets and graduates and provide a forum for discussions, mentoring, and coaching. She has helped plan and run four West Point Women's Conferences and worked with the West Point Association of Graduates to create an endowment to fund the ability to conduct conferences every five years in perpetuity. She has been on the WPW board for over 20 years and currently serves as president.

In 2023 she retired from Johnson & Johnson and continues to pursue cybersecurity, technology and diversity endeavors through participating in Department of Homeland Security Advisory Committees, cyber advisories to both public and private boards and working as an advisor to cyber venture capital and private equity firms. Additionally, she is helping the Thomasville Cemeteries Department in Georgia maintain the Henry O. Flipper gravesite.