The mission of the Mississippi State University Alumni Association is to foster lifelong support for the university’s mission through programs, activities, and events for its alumni, future alumni, and friends who are forever maroon and white.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Purpose: To identify, recognize and award those individual members of the Alumni Association who

- go beyond the call of duty in carrying out the work of the Alumni Association through their local chapter, and in so doing bring favorable recognition to the association and to Mississippi State University;
- stand ready to serve in the best interest of Mississippi State and the Alumni Association;
- take the initiative to see that various chapter alumni activities, membership drives, and other university projects are successfully carried out;
- speak positively about Mississippi State and continually promote Mississippi State;
- encourage prospective students to visit the university and to enroll;
- do such things because of their love for Mississippi State.

These are the people who are intended to be so recognized.

Nominations:

- Nominees must be placed in formal nomination each year with a completed nomination form.
- Nominations may be made by any alumnus or chapter.
- Nomination forms will be made available each year to all alumni chapters and also can be obtained by contacting the Alumni Office.
- Only one nomination per chapter will be allowed in the pool of candidates.
- Nominations should be submitted to the Assistant Director for Chapter and Volunteer Programs by the first Friday of October of each year.

The members of the National Alumni Association Board of Directors are not eligible for the award while serving on the board.

Selection of Recipients: The Selection Committee shall be composed of the Assistant Director for Chapter and Volunteer Programs and (randomly chosen) nine regional in-state and three out-of-state directors of the National Board of Directors of the Alumni Association. On or before November 1, up to three recipients shall be chosen from those nominated for the awards.

Recognition of Recipients: Those selected to receive the Distinguished Service Award will be recognized at the annual Alumni Awards Banquet.