The MSU Alumni Association activates and supports the Bulldog Family, encouraging alumni, students, and friends to grow a lifelong connection with Mississippi State University and inspire their ongoing support toward each other and the university.

## **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 or club, or a council or volunteer network, 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 alumni engagement 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 volunteers and can also be obtained by contacting the Alumni Office.
- Nominations should be submitted to the Assistant Director for Regional and Volunteer Engagement by mid-November each year.

The current members of the National Alumni Association Board of Directors are not eligible for the award during their term of service.

**Selection of Recipients:** The Selection Committee shall be composed of members of the National Board of Directors of the Alumni Association. On or before December 15, 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 Volunteer Awards Program.