

## **Alumni Hall of Fame – Dr. Keith Parker**

Induction into the Delta State University Alumni Hall of Fame is the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the Delta State Alumni Association. Established in 2007, the Alumni Hall of Fame is extended to alumni and friends who have achieved professional distinction and made significant community service contributions at the local, national, and/or international level and who have thus brought honor and distinction to Delta State University. As part of the Homecoming activities planned for Friday, November 1, the Delta State University Alumni Association will recognize this year's Alumni Hall of Fame inductees, Dr. Keith Parker, George Bassi, and Jeff Russell.

Dr. Keith Parker has a distinguished career as a university teacher and administrator that spans approximately 26 years. He is Professor of Sociology and former Associate Provost for Institutional Diversity at the University of Georgia-Athens. Prior to moving to Athens, he held the positions of Associate Professor of Sociology; Assistant and Associate Dean of Graduate Studies; Assistant Professor of Sociology, and Director of African American and African Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

He has served as First Vice President of the NAACP, on the Board of Directors of the Salvation Army, and Chair of the MLK Freedom Breakfast Planning Committee. From 1979-1982, he served as Assistant to the Dean of Student at Delta State University. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Sociology from Delta State, a Master's degree in Sociology and a Ph.D. in Sociology both from Mississippi State University. Parker has been instrumental in building an Annual National Civil Rights Conference, and he is currently working on his first book, *Character Matters*.

The Hall of Fame inductees will be honored during Homecoming on Friday, November 1 at the Alumni Awards and Gala Dinner at 7 p.m. in the Walter Sillers Coliseum. Tickets for the event are \$20 and can be purchased at the Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni House or online at [www.deltastategiving.org/alumniassociation/homecoming2013](http://www.deltastategiving.org/alumniassociation/homecoming2013).

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