

Alumni Hall of Fame – George Bassi

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.

George Bassi has been the Director of the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art in Laurel, Mississippi, since 1993. He is a native of Leland, MS, and received his undergraduate degree in Accounting and Computer Information Systems from Delta State University in 1987 and his Master of Arts degree in mass communications and public relations from The University of Southern Mississippi in 1993.

He has more than twenty-five years of non-profit management and arts administration experience working at the Delta State University Alumni & Foundation, the University of Southern Mississippi Foundation and the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art in Laurel where he currently serves as the Executive Director. He conducts workshops and retreats on fund raising, arts management, public relations & marketing, grant writing and board resources. He has participated in the National Arts Stabilization project and has authored an article for American Art Review.

He is an accreditation reviewer for the American Alliance of Museums and is currently serving as the Past President of the Board of the Southeastern Museums Conference, the Past President of the Delta State University Alumni Association, the Past Chair of the Council of Regions Association for the American Alliance of Museums, and the President of the Mississippi Institute of Arts & Letters. He is a past president of the Laurel Rotary Club, serves on the Mississippi advisory committee for the National Museum of Women in the Arts, serves on the Advisory Board for the Partners for the Arts at the University of Southern Mississippi and is on the Board of the United Way of the Pine Belt.

While a student at Delta State, he was President of the Student Government Association, elected Mr. DSU, elected to the Student Hall of Fame and was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Delta Mu Delta, Phi Eta Sigma, Order of Omega and Kappa Alpha Order.

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.

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