

Legacy Award – Dave Heflin

The Delta State University National Alumni Association recently announced the annual Alumni Service Awards recipients. Each year, the Alumni Association presents four service awards: the Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni Service Award, the Kent Wyatt Young Alumnus Service Award, the Gladys Castle Friend of Delta State Awards and the Legacy Award.

The Legacy Award was established to honor an alumnus who made an institutional changing impact on the university. This year's recipient of the Legacy Award is Dave Heflin.

Heflin is a native of Baldwyn, Miss. and a 1962 graduate of Delta State University with a bachelor's degree in English and speech. He received his master's degree in communications from the University of Southern Mississippi. After returning to Delta State to join the teaching staff in the speech department, he took a sabbatical to pursue a doctorate degree in recreation and resource development from Texas A&M University. He once again returned to Delta State to teach in the Physical Education Department. An outdoor enthusiast, Heflin began taking students on trips once a month. In 2009, Heflin established the Outdoor Recreation Leadership Program. His family established the Dave Heflin Outdoor Recreation Professorship to ensure that a dedicated educator would organize outdoor recreation courses such as rafting, canoeing, rock climbing and kayaking.