

## **Hugh Ellis Walker Service Award – Neal Holcomb**

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 Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni Service Award was established to recognize outstanding service and contributions to Delta State University by an alumnus. This year's recipient is Neal Holcomb.

Holcomb is a native of Greenville, Miss. and a 1992 graduate of Delta State where he received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in accounting. Holcomb is a CPA and operates the Holcomb CPA Firm. His work with client organization on Delta State's behalf has produced significant gift income for the university, which is used for scientific research, and the Elliott-Nowell-White Science Symposium and scholarship program. Holcomb is president and executive director of the Mississippi Breast Foundation. He was recognized for his service to Delta State in 2008 at the annual Community Recognition Awards Luncheon. Holcomb currently resides in Rolling Fork with his wife Kyla, a native of Glen Allan and a graduate of the Delta State University School of Nursing.