Outstanding Alumnus and Service Awards

Outstanding Alumnus of the Year is presented to an alumnus who has made some significant contributions to human or institutional programs in which a situation, an institution or a movement has been materially changed for the better because of that individual’s personal participation.

The Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni Service Award is named for 24 year director of the Delta State University Alumni/Foundation. The alumni-foundation house is named in his honor. Mr. Walker and wife, Eloise, live in Cleveland and remain active in DSU activities.

The Gladys Castle “Friend of Delta State” Service Award is named for Miss Gladys Castle, a 46 year employee of Delta State who served as the first alumni secretary. A women's dorm is named in her honor, Brumby-Castle.

The Kent Wyatt “young Alumnus” Service Award is presented to an alumnus age 36 years of age or younger, who has given outstanding service to Delta State. The award is named for former university president, Dr. Forrest Kent Wyatt. Dr. Wyatt served as president of Delta State for 24 years and retired but he and his wife, Janice, have made their home in Cleveland. The new administration building on campus bears his name while the conference room was named for Janice Collins Wyatt.

Legacy Award is presented to someone who has made an institutional change upon the university.