



“AMBASSADORS” SHOW CHOIR

The MDCC “Ambassadors” show choir, begun in 1987 by Director, Semonne Harper Strawbridge (e-mail: sstrawbridge@msdelta.edu; phone: 662-246-6337), is a high energy performing group that sings and dances while serving as a public relations and recruiting medium for the college. Currently in its twentieth year, students are selected on the basis of talent, academic success, leadership, work ethic, and attitude.

Those chosen to become members receive FULL SCHOLARSHIPS that cover tuition and room/board. Auditions are held in March and April each year.

The “Ambassadors” perform a wide variety of music styles---pop, “golden oldies”, patriotic, and tunes from Broadway musicals—with choreography by nationally known choreographer Marty DeMott of Indianapolis, Indiana.

The “Ambassadors” have traveled all over Mississippi performing for conventions, banquets, statewide meetings, conferences and schools. In 1991 the group received a standing ovation from 2000 community college students attending the national Phi Theta Kappa Convention in Chicago. They returned to Chicago in 1993 to perform at the “Collegiate Showcase.”

In 1994 and 1996 the group had the honor of representing the state of Mississippi by performing on the American Gardens Theatre stage at Epcot Center at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Other outstanding performances have been held at the “Branson Jubilee” in Branson, Missouri, and at the 1997 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools convention in New Orleans.

Every two years the group travels to New York City during Spring Break to see Broadway shows. The “Ambassadors” have also performed at the Collegiate Showcase at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee, in February, 2001.

During the 2001-2002 school year, the “Ambassadors” performed for the Community College “Lamplighter” Conference at the Grand Casino Conference Center in Tunica and for MDCC’s Humanities /75th Anniversary Week as well as MDCC Homecoming activities.

In March, 2002, the group traveled for the third time to perform at the Future World West Stage in Epcot Center at Disney World. The group traveled to Disney World to perform in March of 2003 and performed for the fifth time in February, 2005. In March, 2006, the group traveled to Nashville to observe the Showchoir Nationals competition.

The “Ambassadors” hosted the 18th annual “Showchoir Spectacular” workshop in October, 2006, for students in grades 5-12. The “Ambassadors” performed at the Magic Kingdom at Disney World in January, 2007. The group was recently honored by being invited to perform as the host college show choir at the “Show Choir Cup” high school competition in Branson, Missouri, in April, 2007. On April 13, 2007, the “Ambassadors” 20th Anniversary concert will be held at the Fine Arts Auditorium on the campus in Moorhead.

The students in “Ambassadors” move in the dorms the week before classes begin in the fall in order to start learning music and choreography. After classes begin, rehearsals are held Monday through Thursday from 3:00-5:00. Night rehearsals are also held in order to practice with the members of the “Ambassadors” Band. Special night and weekend rehearsals are held when needed to work with choreographers.

For more information, please contact Semonne Strawbridge, Director, by phone at 662-246-6337, or by e-mail at sstrawbridge@msdelta.edu.

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