



## **Mississippi Delta Community College**

### **HEADWAE Honoree Semonne Harper Strawbridge**

Semonne Strawbridge has been selected as the 2009 Higher Education Appreciation Day, Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) winner for Mississippi Delta Community College. She is currently in her twenty-third year at MDCC where she is the Chair of Fine Arts & Health and Physical Education Division. At MDCC she directs the “Ambassadors” show choir, MDCC Singers concert choir, teaches voice, and Music Survey. Ms. Strawbridge has also produced a very successful show choir workshop for elementary through high school students, featuring nationally known clinicians, for twenty years.

Ms. Strawbridge received the Bachelor of Music Education degree with an emphasis in voice from Mississippi University for Women and the Master of Music Education degree from Delta State University. She has judged numerous show choir competitions all over the United States for twenty years. Semonne has been named as a member of the “Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers” for the past five years. She is a member of the American Choral Director’s Association and Music Educators National Conference.

HEADWAE was established by the Mississippi Legislative Resolution #88 in 1987 to annually honor the academically talented students and faculty members of Mississippi’s higher education institutions who have made outstanding contributions in promoting academic excellence. The honorees are invited to the State Capitol where they are welcomed by the Lieutenant Governor and recognized in each chamber of the Legislature.