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Ogeechee Technical College faculty, staff, administration, and students are saddened at the loss of long-time faculty member Dorothy Brown from injuries sustained in an auto accident on March 6, 2007. Dorothy was the Program Director for the Practical Nursing program, and had been on the nursing faculty at OTC for over 15 years. An assembly was held early on March 7th at which Dr. Dawn Cartee, President of OTC, announced Dorothy's death and offered a brief explanation to the faculty and staff of the circumstances surrounding her death. The accident occurred within a half mile of the OTC campus immediately following Dorothy's departure from work.

Following the faculty/staff assembly, Dr. Cartee and a number of other faculty and staff, along with OTC counselors, met with nursing students to confirm the sad news. Students have been offered whatever support and assistance they may need to deal with this tragic loss. An impromptu memorial service among the students provided an opportunity for students to express their feelings about Ms. Brown through comments and song. Students have been assured that their needs will be met, both emotionally and academically, as other instructors will pull together to provide coverage of Dorothy's classes.

Numerous expressions of support for the Brown family are being offered by OTC employees and students. The Dorothy Brown Memorial Nursing Scholarship has been established for those who may wish to memorialize Dorothy in a more permanent manner. The scholarship was initiated at the request of friends, students and co-workers. Contributions should be made to the Ogeechee Tech Foundation, earmarked for "Dorothy Brown Memorial" at P. O. Box 764, Statesboro, GA 30459.

In emotional comments made to faculty and staff, Dr. Cartee expressed the sentiment that, "we are all a big family at OTC, and we will lean on one another for support during this difficult time." Further, she stated, "our thoughts and prayers are with Dorothy's family." Former nursing student Wanda Scott remembered Dorothy by saying, "We had gotten so close when I was a student it is hard to fathom the loss." Many co-workers and students echoed similar feelings as those

stated by co-worker Steve McNure, who said, “Dorothy always had a smile and always seemed happy.” “She was easy to laugh, and that was just Dot,” he stated. Funeral services for Dorothy Brown will be held at 11:00am Monday, March 12th at Whitesville Full Gospel Baptist Church in Statesboro.