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Ogeechee Tech adds to management team.

As 2007 began, Ogeechee Technical College saw the reigns of the college turned over to the fourth full-time president in the college's history as Dr. Dawn H. Cartee began her tenure as the chief of the local institution. Immediately upon her arrival at the college Dr. Cartee set about building a team of individuals to help move the college into a new era of success and service to the students and communities of Bulloch, Evans, and Screven Counties and beyond. In addition to Dr. Ben Thompson, Vice-President of Economic Development and Ms. Beth Mathews, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, who were both featured in a previous press release, several others have recently been added to the college's Executive Council.

Dianne Stewart has joined the college as Vice-President of Institutional Effectiveness, while Barry Turner has returned to the college in the position of Executive Director of Public Relations. In addition, Eyvonne Hart has moved from the position of Registrar at the college to that of Acting Executive Director of Fiscal Operations, while Jeff Davis has taken over the position of Acting Executive Director of Information Technology after previously working in the computer networking and PACS programs at the college.

Diane Stewart, who was formerly employed with OTC for seven years, has returned after time spent at Southeastern Technical College in Vidalia where she was most recently Dean of Instruction for the Health Science programs. A native of Screven County, Stewart is married to Ervin Stewart and has three children and 10 grandchildren. With a bachelor degree in Business Education and a Masters degree in Adult/Vocational Education, both from Georgia Southern University, Stewart has 15 years experience in education with most of those years served in the technical college system. Prior to beginning a career in education, Stewart was employed in private business for 10 years. Active in numerous college related activities and committees, Stewart has several awards to her credit including previously being named the Postsecondary Teacher of the Year by the Georgia Business Education Association. In discussing her return to Ogeechee Tech, Stewart stated, "returning to OTC is like coming home for me." Further, she said, "I am

excited about the challenges that lie ahead for this college as we explore better ways to serve our constituency and as we move toward higher levels of accreditation.”

Barry Turner now heads the Public Relations efforts of the college as Executive Director of Public Relations. A Bulloch County native, Turner has a long history of service in local business and formally worked with the funeral service program at OTC for over five years before departing about a year ago. Turner is charged with directing public relations, marketing, and community outreach at the college. Active in the local community, Turner serves as the Vice-Chair of the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority/Main Street Statesboro Board of Directors, is on the Board of the Averitt Center for the Arts, and is a member of the Statesboro/Bulloch Chamber of Commerce where he serves on the Special Events Committee. A graduate of Gupton-Jones College in Atlanta, he is a licensed Funeral Director, and has a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration with a Management concentration from American Intercontinental University. Additionally, he is a 2006 graduate of the Georgia Academy for Economic Development Regional Economic Development and Leadership program. Turner and his wife, Marilyn, have a daughter and a son. “I sincerely believe in the value of technical education in our community and I am excited about the potential for even greater success in the future,” Turner stated. Continuing, he said, “It is easy for me to be enthusiastic about promoting Ogeechee Tech and its mission.”

Eyvonne Hart currently serves as Acting Executive Director of Fiscal Operations. She is a graduate of South Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. She has worked in various capacities at Ogeechee Tech for 12 years. She was the Director of Workforce Investment, Accounting Instructor and most recently she served as Registrar. She has experience in the private business sector and governmental service as an Accounting Technician in South Carolina. Hart is a native of St. George, South Carolina and a long time resident of Statesboro. She is married to Darrell Hart and is very active in her church. “I am excited about this awesome challenge to not only assure that Ogeechee Tech remains fiscally sound; but, for the opportunity to do something I enjoy” Hart stated. Further commenting, she said, “My current position allows me to utilize my previous education and experience.” Additionally, she said, “My ultimate goal is to help Ogeechee Technical College fulfill its mission of service to students and our community.”

Jeff Davis has a long history of involvement with computer related education at the college, and puts that experience to work as the Acting Executive Director of Information Technology. With a career at OTC spanning seven years, Davis is a natural fit for this important post at the college. Currently holding a bachelor’s degree in Computer Science, with a minor in Mathematics, from Georgia Southern University, Davis is working toward a Master’s degree in Technology with an emphasis in Information Technology. With a vast array of computer related certifications and licenses, Davis brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the position. Active in local business prior to his career at OTC, Davis is well known for his participation in various local activities. Davis and his wife, Becky, have a daughter. “I am excited to be offered the opportunity to help enhance the technological capabilities of Ogeechee Tech,” stated

Davis. “This is a great place to work, and I am happy to be a part of the exciting new direction the college is taking,” he further stated.

Regarding the new employees and re-assignments Dr. Dawn Cartee stated, “Our management team at Ogeechee Tech is here to support our faculty and staff, our students, and our community.” Additionally, she said, “With team members such as these, I know that we will be successful in reaching new levels of achievement at Ogeechee Technical College.”