

## **Northwood High Grads Get Scholarships**

Three recent Northwood High School graduates have been awarded scholarships by District 25 of the State Employees Association of North Carolina (SEANC). Evan Dimitrov, Gabriele Eaves and Kenya Lee received their awards during District 25's annual meeting in June.

Dimitrov is planning a career in aviation management, flying being one of his lifelong passions. He will begin his education this fall at Guilford Technical Community College in pursuit of an associate's degree, with plans to continue elsewhere to earn a B.A. in Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Along the way, he says, he plans to get both private and commercial pilot's licenses and an instrument flight rating.

Eaves will be attending UNC Greensboro this fall to study consumer and retail business. She cites the example of her parents and their strong support as the reason for her determination to get a 4-year degree. "I will be the first person in my family to graduate from a four-year college," she said. "I have my mind set on what I need to be successful in life and that is a college education."

Lee points to her own enriched educational history as the impetus for her plans to become an educator focusing on early pre-k programs and accessibility of dual language programs. "Although the public school system has served me well, there are definitely ways to revise and improve it so it will be able to serve all children beneficially regardless of socioeconomic status or race." Matriculating at UNC Chapel Hill this fall, she will study both local and global education policy as well as the current state of educational reform.

SEANC is an organization advocating with the legislative and executive branches of our state government to advance and preserve the interests of all state employees. Among its varied activities, SEANC awards competitive state- and district-level scholarships to members' children. The next scholarship application period will be Spring 2016.