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# MEMBERS IN ACTION

STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA

***SEANC travels throughout North Carolina recognizing our dedicated and hardworking state employees.***





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## Distinguished Alumna Chevella L. Thomas



District 27 Chairwoman and former SEANC Treasurer Chevella L. Thomas was recognized in March as a Distinguished Alumna by the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

Thomas received the honor at half-court in a break in the action at the Conference's basketball tournaments in Norfolk, Virginia.

Thomas is an ardent supporter of the Eagles and can often be seen wearing her alma mater's colors.

She worked at North Carolina Central University as an accountant for 33 years before retiring.



## District 2 member receives One Voice United Bronze Medal of Honor

District 2 member Kalla Hughley will receive the Bronze Medal of Honor from the national organization One Voice United.



Hughley, a Probation and Parole Officer, saved the life of a juvenile who was shot at a Juneteenth celebration in Asheville in 2023.

SEANC Prison Safety Committee Chairwoman Deborah Harney noted in her nomination that "Officer Hughley made a makeshift tourniquet to stop the victim from bleeding out. That saved the life of the teenager."

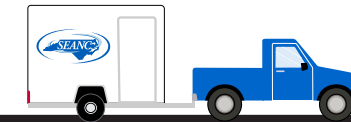
Hughley will receive the honor at a ceremony in Chicago in late April.



District 69 attended the Elizabeth City State University Employee Orientation in January and recruited two new members!

## BURKE COUNTY BLITZ February 20-22

District 5 sponsored several membership events at Burke County agencies in February including: Juvenile Justice, Children's Development Services, Burke County Courthouse, District Attorney's Office, Foothills Correctional Institution, and Community Corrections.



District 17 hosted a Snack & Chat event with Guilford County Juvenile Justice employees in January.



District 22 attended the Harnett Correctional Institution New Employee Orientation on Jan. 31. Two employees joined SEANC.



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## East Carolina University employees join SEANC District 65 in January.



Pictured from left to right are District 65 member Alisha Savage, new members Donita Williams, Chris Staton, Tracy Graham, and District 65 member Cathy Price.



Pictured above is new member Dr. Jennifer Jones. Pictured at right are new Member Tyesha White and District 65 member Tiffany Credle.

Submitted by Kristy Williams. Photos by Cynthia Brown.



**District 40** shared SEANC membership benefits with employees during N.C. Corrections Health Event held at NCCIW in January.



**District 12** visited the Huntersville DMV Call Center employees in February.



SEANC President Kirk Montgomery and his wife Pam attended a Voting Rights Roundtable Discussion & Workshop at NCCU School of Law in conjunction with MLK Day. They met with civil rights pioneers Jennifer Lawson and Charles E. Cobb, Jr., US Rep. Valerie Foushee, Retired NC Rep. Mickey Michaux and his wife June, among many others.



**District 20** visited probation and parole employees at Samarcand Training Academy in February. Employees who joined SEANC received a lunch bag.



**District 17** sponsored Bojangles biscuits and tea for Alamance County Drivers License Office employees on Feb. 8. Two new members were recruited.



**District 23** members had a great day at Robeson North Carolina Department of Transportation safety meeting on Feb. 15. Two new members joined. Thank you to the McDonald's in Lumberton for serving up 50 biscuits for us!



**District 24** visited Robeson County Community Correction and the CRV Center on Feb. 12.



The State Membership Committee met on Feb. 9 to discuss membership growth, recruitment, and engagement ahead of the February Board of Governors Meeting.



SEANC representatives explained membership benefits with Raven Rock State Park employees in February.



**District 13** sponsored an employee appreciation event at UNC Charlotte on Feb. 7. Twenty five employees joined SEANC that day!



**Emerging Leaders Council** cleaned up Old Crews Road in Knightdale on Feb. 10 as part of its community service efforts. Pictured at right President Kirk Montgomery takes part with District 28 Chairman DuBoris Peterkin.



**District 37** sponsored coffee and donuts for North Carolina Department of Transportation Century Center employees on Feb. 20.



**District 10** Chairman Tim Morgan and member Ally Kaulback delivered goodies to Probation and Parole employees in Rowan County on Feb. 22. They signed up two new members!



**District 17** sponsored a Bojangles breakfast for Alamance County Schools mechanics and staff on Feb. 26 and recruited two new members!



**District 2** Chairman Cliff Johnson explains the benefits of SEANC membership with the Henderson County Schools Maintenance Office staff.



**District 41** provided a Chick-fil-A lunch and SEANC membership information for Governor Morehead School employees on Feb. 29.

# Wake County State Employees: TAKE A BREAK WITH SEANC March 18-22, 2024

SEANC's Member Relations team and volunteers from the Raleigh districts had a great week meeting with members and recruiting new ones at events throughout Wake County.

Wake County has the largest concentration of state employees and retirees in the state, and we visited enthusiastic employees at the Department of Health & Human Services, the Department of Insurance, the Governor's Crime Commission, Central Prison, and Wake Correctional, among others.



State Laboratory of Public Health • March 18



Bicentennial Plaza • March 19



Dorothea Dix Campus • March 20  
Pictured above is NCDHHS Chief Deputy Secretary for Health and SEANC member Mark Benton who stopped by during the event.



Department of Administration Facilities Division • March 22



District 18 provided a McDonald's breakfast for employees during the Montgomery County DOT Safety Meeting in March.



District 59 sponsored an employee appreciation event at Cherry Hospital in Goldsboro on March 27. Complimentary meals were provided for staff during all three shifts. They signed up 51 new members!



District 21 met with employees at the Murdoch Center's Health Fair in Butner on March 20. Pictured is District 21 Chair Virginia Lindsey welcoming new SEANC members.



District 64 visited Pitt Community College in Greenville on March 25. Pictured above, Past President Stanley Drewery explains the benefits of SEANC membership with a PCC employee.



District 43 sponsored a Lunch & Learn Event including Brunswick stew at DMV Headquarters in Rocky Mount on March 26. Thank you to DMV Commissioner Wayne Goodwin for stopping by the event. He is pictured above with Executive Director Ardis Watkins and District 43 Chairwoman Brenda Johnson. Thirty employees joined SEANC!

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## SEANC leaders attend Joint Legislative Committee Meetings

Joint Legislative Oversight Committees allow appointed members from both chambers and both parties to hear testimony from fiscal staff and directly from departments regarding budget items and operational issues.

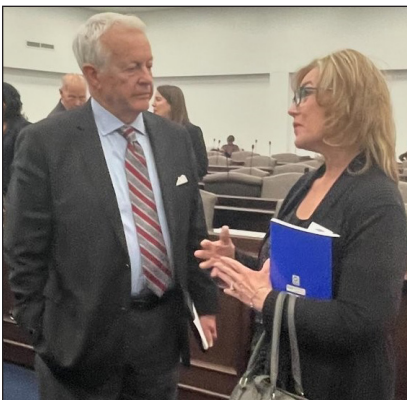
The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Transportation most recently heard from DMV Commissioner Wayne Goodwin and his staff. He was questioned about staffing, privatization, and other ways to improve DMV services. SEANC opposes privatizing state employee positions, therefore this discussion is relevant to our policy platform.

The HHS Joint Legislative Committee has been hearing from fiscal staff and department officials regarding everything from Medicaid Expansion to staffing issues in facilities. Each division head in DHHS reports the status of the budget and operations to the committee.

The JPS Joint Legislative Oversight Committee has heard testimony from NCDAC Secretary Todd Ishee regarding the status of staffing in prison facilities, retention bonuses, and recruitment efforts through targeted hiring events. This committee also hears reports from the Highway Patrol, Probation and Parole, Juvenile Justice, and other local and county law enforcement departments and agencies.



First Vice President Wendell Powell attended the **Joint Legislative Committee on Transportation** meeting on Feb. 29 regarding DMV, and spoke with Co-Chairs Sen. Vicki Sawyer and Sen. Michael Lazzara.



SEANC DHHS Study Committee Chairwoman Kathy Merritt, attended the **HHS Joint Legislative Oversight Committee** meeting on March 12 and spoke with Rep. Hugh Blackwell and Rep. Carla Cunningham about challenges facing employees.



Second Vice President Emily Jones and Treasurer Stacie Crabtree attended the March 7 **JPS Joint Legislative Oversight Committee** and met with Co-Chair Rep. Carson Smith.

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