



2024 AACN STUDENT POLICY SUMMIT

MARCH 24-25 | WASHINGTON, DC

All sessions will be held at the Washington Marriott Georgetown located in the Metropolitan Ballroom, Second Floor, 1221 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC 20037, unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, March 24, 2024

- 8:00 – 10:00 am **Registration Check-In**
Location: Third Floor
Please Note: The Ballroom will not open until the First Session
- 8:00 – 10:00 am **Sponsorship Lounge Open**
Location: Quad, Third Floor
- 8:00 – 10:00 am **District Networking Lounge Open**
Location: District Conference Room, Third Floor
- 10:00 -10:15 am **Welcome Remarks from AACN’s Leadership**

Angela Amar, PhD, RN, FAAN
AACN’s Government Affairs Committee Chair
Dean and Professor
School of Nursing
New York University
- 10:15 – 11:15 am **Learning from the Past as We Prepare our Future Nursing Workforce**
As you begin looking at next steps in your nursing journey, join these leaders, veterans, and innovators as they discuss their personal experience as nurses. Together, they will share their inspirational history and expertise, while underscoring how nurses can lead from the frontline and impact federal action. Chart your path forward today by learning from these leading nursing experts!

Colleen Leners, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, FAAN, FAANP
Chief Health Officer
First Call Health



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Lindsey Harris, DNP, RN, FNP-BC, FAAN

Assistant Professor,
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Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW)
Division of Nursing and Public Health (DNPH)

11:15 – 11:30 am Stretch Break

11:30 – 12:30pm **Viewing AI through the Federal Lens: Accelerating Health Innovations**
With a growing focus on Health IT and AI, we recognize how important our information infrastructure is to the health of our nation. Hear from Dr. Kidder on how the nursing voice is integral at the federal level as they drive innovation and ensure cutting edge technology remain at the forefront of transformative solutions.

Dr. Melinda S. Kidder, DHA, MSN, RN

Chief Nursing Officer
Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT

12:30 - 1:30 pm **Welcome Luncheon**
Location: Outside of Metropolitan Ballroom, Second Floor

1:30-2:45 pm **Keynote Address**
Exploring the Federal Health Care System: How our Chief Nurse Officer Found Her Passion for Public Health
In today's world, we recognize the multiple facets of public health and how important nurses are to our nation's response. At the federal level, the Chief Nurse Officer assists



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with the recruitment, deployment, and retention of nurses who are on the front lines of these efforts. From the emergency department (ED) to the federal government, learn more about Rear Admiral (RDML) Moon's professional journey as she instills HOPE in the work to advance public health.

RDML Jennifer Moon, DNP, MPH, MSN, FNP-BC

Chief Nurse Officer

U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps

2:45-3:00 pm

Stretch Break

3:00-4:15 pm

From Passion to Action: Connecting the Dots in Your Advocacy Journey

How do you take an idea and create lasting change? This interactive session will provide you with helpful tips as you frame an issue, learn about real-world examples of advocacy successes, and go into breakout sessions as you prepare for your own advocacy journey on Capitol Hill and beyond.

Rachel Stevenson, MA

Director of Government Affairs

AACN

4:15 – 4:30 pm

Stretch Break

4:30 – 5:45 pm

Hearing from the Experts: A Bipartisan View from Capitol Hill

Hear from leading congressional staff as they provide a bipartisan perspective on what it is like to be a Hill staffer and help prepare you for your visits on Capitol Hill.

Meagan Thompson, DNP

Former Senior Health Policy Advisor

Office of Representative Robin Kelly



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Maddie Mitchell
Legislative Director
Office of Representative Jen Kiggans

Becca Damante
Health and Education Policy Advisor
Office of Senator Jeff Merkley

6:00-7:00 pm **Student Policy Summit Evening Reception**
Location: Outside of Metropolitan Ballroom, Second Floor

Monday, March 25, 2024

6:30-6:50 am **Travel from Washington Marriott Georgetown to Fairmont Hotel**

7:00-8:30 am **Tips and Tools for Effective Capitol Hill Visits**
Location: Fairmont Hotel (2401 M St. NW, Washington, DC 20037)
Grand Ballroom and Kennedy Ballroom
Please Note: Breakfast at Fairmont reserved for Deans ONLY. Full Breakfast begins for Student Policy Summit attendees after session at 8:45am.

Effective messaging is the essence of successful advocacy on Capitol Hill! Join State Grassroots Liaisons and AACN's Government Affairs Committee for practical information, insights and guidance in preparation for your Monday afternoon meeting with congressional staff. Attendees, including students who are participating in AACN's Student Policy Summit, will be seated with their state delegations.

Rachel Stevenson, MA
Director of Government Affairs
AACN

Julie Shroyer, MSW
CEO and President
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8:30-8:45 am

Travel from Fairmont to Washington Marriott Georgetown

8:45-9:30 am

Breakfast Networking Session

Take time for a breakfast networking session as we answer additional questions about the afternoon visits on Capitol Hill and as you continue to network and learn from your colleagues.

Moderator:

Nicole Huber

Policy Coordinator

AACN

9:30-10:30 am

Reflecting on the History of NINR and What the Future Holds for Nursing Research

The session will provide a historic overview of the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) and how it's new Strategic Plan is helping our nurse scientist's lead the way as they continue to inform policy and practice.

Courtney Ferrell Aklin, PhD

Deputy Director

National Institute of Nursing Research

National Institutes of Health

10:30-10:45 am

Stretch Break

10:45-11:45 am

Bringing Capitol Hill to Life: The Power of a Unified Voice

Learn what to expect on Capitol Hill through the expertise of a former member of Congress. From the power of the constituent voice, to how you can bring the message together for unified success, the Honorable Alan Wheat will blend his personal experience to help you excel in your Advocacy Day.



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The Honorable Alan Wheat

Chairman

Wheat Shroyer Government Relations

1:00-5:00 pm

Capitol Hill Visits and Lunch on Your Own

Given the congressional schedule, please note that these Hill meetings will be with congressional staff, which provides a powerful opportunity to develop and enhance our relationships with these offices and educate them on the needs of academic nursing. As a reminder, students attending AACN's Student Policy Summit are encouraged to travel with their Dean to Capitol Hill. Bus service to Capitol Hill begins at 12:00 pm from the Fairmont (M St. Entrance) with continuous loops until 4:30 pm.

1:00-4:30pm

Caucus and Connect

Location: 902 Hart Senate Office Building (Use the North Elevator Bays)

SPS attendees, AACN Deans, and Directors are invited to "Caucus and Connect" in-between their Capitol Hill visits to sit and reflect, enjoy light refreshments and snacks, and strategize prior to the next Hill Visit.

5:00-6:30pm

AACN Congressional Reception on Capitol Hill

Location: Rayburn Foyer, Rayburn House Office Building (Use the Independence Avenue entrance to the Rayburn House Office Building. Once passing through security, go straight up the stairs- past the statue of former Speaker Sam Rayburn- and the Rayburn Foyer is at the top of the stairs.)

SPS attendees, AACN Deans, and Directors will be able to celebrate a productive and impactful day on Capitol Hill with congressional staff. Heavy Hors d'oeuvres will be served.