Academic Nursing Championed Health Care on Capitol Hill

On March 20, over 75 AACN member Deans/Directors/Chairs and nearly 200 students met with 130 Congressional offices to connect on pressing federal priorities impacting the nation’s health. In a bipartisan effort, AACN advocates urged Congress to oppose cuts to non-defense discretionary programs in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, such as the ones proposed in President Trump’s FY 2018 budget blueprint (View AACN’s House and Senate requests). They also asked legislators to cosponsor the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act (H.R. 959) and the Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act (S. 445) to ensure access to high-quality nursing care. AACN Grassroots Network members also took action online, sending 707 messages to 223 offices in both chambers of Congress reiterating these requests.

Member deans, students and 50 staff from Congressional offices attended AACN’s Spring 2017 Congressional Reception, which took place that evening in the Rayburn Foyer on Capitol Hill. The following Congressional members attended the reception and offered brief remarks: Representatives Dave Joyce (R-OH), House Nursing Caucus Co-Chair, Susan Bonamici (D-OR) House Nursing Caucus Vice Co-Chair, Louie Gohmert (R-TX), Walter Jones (R-NC), and Brad Sherman (D-CA).

University of Maryland School of Nursing Named Advocate of the Year

AACN awarded the 2016 Advocate of the Year to the University of Maryland School of Nursing for demonstrating outstanding efforts over the past year to advance academic nursing at the federal level. The award was received by Dean and Professor Jane Kirschling, PhD, RN, FAAN, during AACN’s Spring Annual Meeting. AACN commends Dr. Kirschling and her colleague Stephanie White for their dedication and passion to bring about positive change in our nation’s health.

AACN Develops New Resources: State to National

In preparation for AACN’s Spring Annual Meeting, staff created a number of new and updated advocacy tools for our members. These documents cover current policy topics such as diversity, federal student loans, and state snapshots. To learn more about state specific information, visit our state resources page. To learn more about the policies AACN is monitoring, view our policy briefs.