Core Policy Values Continue to Drive AACN’s Impact in 2018

As the 115th Congress begins its second session and the Trump Administration enters its second year, AACN stands ready to help achieve the shared goal of improved health and health care in our country. The association reiterates the importance of our core policy values—interprofessional, sustainable, innovative, collaborative, equitable, and inclusive—outlined in the 2017-18 Federal Policy Agenda and are central to how AACN approaches advocacy in its four priority areas: higher education, research, workforce, and models of care. Make sure your colleagues and students are engaged in advocacy this year by signing up for AACN’s Grassroots Network!

Make Sure to Register Today for AACN’s Student Policy Summit!

The 2018 Student Policy Summit (March 25-27) is a three-day conference in Washington, DC that gives attendees a first-hand experience to hear directly from leading policy experts and visit Congressional offices on Capitol Hill. The Summit is open to students from AACN member schools. Students must have approval from an AACN member dean before registering. Register for the Summit now, or contact Government Affairs Assistant Ellie Cook for more information.

Summit attendees can brush up on civics and prepare for the conference with two AACN webinars in the coming months. Register for the webinars now.

Sponsorship opportunities for the 2018 Student Policy Summit are available. Sponsoring the conference provides an opportunity to showcase your institution and maximizes the experience for attendees.

Congress Returns to Face Budget, CHIP Reauthorization

Several legislative deadlines await Congress as they return to Washington, DC, including the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 budget resolution. The continuing resolution (CR), which the Senate passed on December 21, temporarily funds the federal government through January 19 and extends funding for the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) until March 31. Congressional leaders expect to pass another CR to finalize budget caps. This time-sensitive measure means Congress will need to yet again take up legislation to address the expiration of funding for these and other critical programs. AACN and the Nursing Community Coalition urge appropriators to fund programs of interest, including nursing education and research, as they continue to work out a final spending bill for the remainder of FY 2018.