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## Midterm Election Recap

Yesterday, voters across the country, headed to the polls to cast their ballot in the 2018 Midterm Election. While results are still being finalized in some races, one thing is certain -the 116th Congress will have a Democrat-controlled House of Representatives and a Republican-controlled Senate. Approximately **114 million votes** were cast in the House races, compared to 83 million in 2014. Also making history this election is the **record-breaking number** of women and minority candidates elected. In addition, a nurse and former AACN fellow, Lauren Underwood, is the newly elected Representative from Illinois' 14th district. Lauren's passion and impact will be felt in Congress. AACN looks forward to working with the new Congress to advance health care and higher education through an academic nursing lens.



## Thank You for Participating in AACN's Nursing Voices, Nursing Votes

In its inaugural debut, AACN's nonpartisan initiative **Nursing Voices, Nursing Votes** engaged nearly 600 participants, representing 121 AACN member schools across 44 states. Thank you to all the nursing deans, faculty, and students who engaged in this election process, let your voices be heard, and voted. We look forward to 2020 as we continue to amplify nursing's voice.



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## Students Learn Effective Advocacy during Health Professions Week

This week, AACN is participating in a series of virtual events for high school and college students interested in learning more about health professional careers. Students are able to connect with current students and practitioners through live chats and videos, to gain an understanding of the professions' roles in health policy and advocacy, and to access resources on financial aid options. For example, yesterday, healthcare professionals and organizations participated in an advocacy panel and a Twitter chat to discuss political experiences and how to advocate for health care. **Registration is still open.** Follow the conversation on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram with **#HPW2018**.



## 2019 Health Insurance Marketplace Enrollment Now Open

Open Enrollment for 2019 Health Insurance Marketplace is open until December 15. The Marketplace provides individuals, families, and small businesses the opportunity to access comprehensive information about health benefits, compare plans side-by-side, and enroll in lower cost health insurance based on their income and household size. The health plans cover essential health benefits, pre-existing conditions, and preventive services. Families with limited incomes may qualify for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in their state. Although most people will use **HealthCare.gov** to apply for and enroll in health coverage, 11 states and the District of Columbia use their own Marketplace website. Find more information on the Marketplace in your state **here**.