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AACN Advocates Heading to the Hill on March 26

On March 26, nearly 400 AACN member deans and students will head to Capitol Hill to discuss federal issues impacting nursing education, research, and practice. AACN's 2018 Spring Advocacy Day, part of the Deans Annual Meeting and Student Policy Summit in Washington, D.C., elevates academic nursing's voice at the federal level. Advocates will take the following [Congressional requests](#) to their Hill visits:

- Cosponsor the Title VIII Reauthorization Act ([H.R. 959/ S. 1109](#))
- [Support](#) \$244 million for Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development programs and \$170 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research
- Support increasing access to treatment for opioid abuse

Not joining us in D.C.?

AACN [Grassroots Network](#) members will be able to advocate on March 26 via an AACN Action Alert that will be sent that day. The message will reiterate the requests being communicated on Capitol Hill. Every voice counts!

Advocacy Resources

For more information on AACN's Congressional Asks, social media tool kit, and additional advocacy materials, visit the Government Affairs and Policy's [Hill Day Hub page](#). Follow us on Twitter at [@AACNPolicy](#) and use the hashtag #AACNAdvocate.



White House's Strategy to Address Opioid Epidemic

On March 19, President Trump unveiled the White House's [Initiative to Stop Opioid Abuse and Reduce Drug Supply and Demand](#). In his [address](#) to Manchester Community College in Manchester, NH, President Trump commented on the inadequate state of access to evidence-based treatment and the need for more sound healthcare and rehabilitation services further [stating](#), "Defeating this epidemic will require the commitment of every state, local, and federal agency. Addiction is not our future. We will liberate our country from this crisis."

The initiative's activities are outlined under three major goals: reduce drug demand, stop the flow of drugs, and expand opportunities for recovery and treatment. In October 2017, the White House declared the opioid crisis as a public health emergency. President Trump is asking Americans to [share their stories](#) through a new platform "The Crisis Next Door: The Opioid" to overcome the stigma surrounding addiction and to provide hope for recovery.