A Higher Education Edition

AACN and AAMC Partner on Webinar to Discuss Higher Education Reforms

In the shifting landscape of higher education, federal policies must also adapt to provide the foundation on which higher education operates. As AACN and its colleagues continue to analyze and advocate on behalf of our membership during the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, it is important for deans, faculty, and students to understand the implications of proposed policy changes that may radically impact federal student borrowing, repayment, and regulations at the institutional and programmatic level. Lauren Inouye, Director of Government Affairs at AACN and Joseph Bañez, Legislative Analyst at the Association of American Medical Colleges will present during the webinar “The Higher Education Act: Changes to Impact Students, Faculty, and Institutions.” The webinar will take place on April 12 from 2:00-3:00pm ET. Click here for details and registration.

AACN and NLN Share Recommendations to Senate on Higher Education Reform

On April 3, AACN and the National League for Nursing sent a letter to the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee sharing initial perspectives on provisions included in the House's PROSPER Act (H.R. 4508), which reauthorizes the Higher Education Act. More specifically, the two associations urge the Committee to consider how reformations to issues—including federal student loan borrowing and repayment options—would impact the nursing pipeline, particularly with respect to graduate nursing students. The letter is in advance of the Senate releasing its version of a bill later this spring.

Help AACN’s Higher Education Policy Efforts: Fill out the Graduate Student Debt Survey

In an effort to better understand the financial aid needs of graduate nursing students, AACN asks for participation in this brief survey regarding student loans and graduate program cost and program level. This feedback will assist AACN as the association engages in work that informs higher education policy, including federal financial aid. Please share this with graduate nursing students in your programs to help bolster the number of participants. Individual answers will not be released, and responses from this survey will be comprehensively reported by program level. AACN appreciates your commitment to ensuring we have the data necessary to fight for nursing students across the country.