AACN Partners with NIH on All of Us Grant Program
AACN recently released a call for applications for the 2018 All of Us Research Program awarding up to seven mini-grants. The purpose of this grant is to raise awareness of the National Institutes of Health All of Us program, which sheds light onto underrepresented communities in biomedical research through engagement in the academic nursing community. The grants are targeted towards 11 regional areas, and will be open to other member institutions that have existing partnerships with underrepresented communities in biomedical research. The deadline for applications is April 27. Recipients will be notified by the first week of May. Please contact CLeners@aacnnursing.org if you have any questions.

Highlights from the 2018 Student Policy Summit
AACN was honored to host 197 students from 99 AACN member schools, representing 38 states and the District of Columbia, who attended the 2018 Student Policy Summit in Washington, DC last month. Attendees represented academic nursing on Capitol Hill and learned about nursing’s role in professional advocacy from an array of inspiring nurse leaders in the policy field, including Alexis Bakos, PhD, RN, FAAN, Senior Advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health in the Office of Minority Health within the Department of Health and Human Services; Patricia Grady, PhD, RN, FAAN, Director of the National Institute of Nursing Research; and Tamara Bonzanto, RN, Healthcare Investigator for the House Committee on Veterans Affairs.

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HRSA Offers Resources to Address Opioid Crisis
The Health Resources and Services Administration’s (HRSA) new opioid webpage compiles resources, including best practices, technical assistance, and behavioral healthcare training to combat the opioid epidemic. Last month, HRSA hosted a webinar for Access Increases in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services awardees to highlight academic partnerships’ role in innovative workforce strategies. A recording of the webinar can be viewed here. AACN supports HRSA in its work to help individuals and families impacted by the opioid crisis. Additionally, AACN is working with our colleagues in the advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) community to advance policy in Congress that maximizes all APRNs in addiction treatment.