2019 SPRING ADVOCACY DAY

AACN members attending the Deans Annual Meeting and students participating in the Student Policy Summit convened in Washington, DC, to educate federal legislators on programs and legislation impacting nursing education, research, and practice. More than 400 AACN member deans and students from 45 states and the District of Colombia participated in Capitol Hill visits on Monday, March 25. Nearly 450 messages were sent to Senate and House offices via AACN’s Action Alert.

“It’s your professional responsibility to meet with them [legislators] and educate them,” said Representative Lauren Underwood (D-IL-14) at the Deans Annual Meeting. The Congresswoman is the newest nurse elected to Congress and the youngest African American woman to serve in the House.

Missouri nursing students pause for a photo in front of the Capitol Building after meeting with their senators.

Students from Duke University and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill schools of nursing attend Capitol Hill visits to discuss the importance of reauthorizing and funding the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs.

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Representative Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI-02) invites Hawaii delegation to stand on stage at AACN’s Congressional Reception and speaks about the importance of sharing stories with federal legislators.

CAPT Sophia Russell, Director of Division of Nursing and Public Health at the Bureau of Health Workforce, Health Resources and Services Administration, speaks at AACN’s Student Policy Summit and highlights the many paths for nurses as we shape the conversation around workforce and health care.

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Students talk with speaker Dr. Ellen-Marie Whelan, Chief Population Health Officer at the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services and a Senior Advisor at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, on patient outcomes and health care.

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