What is August Recess?
Traditionally, when Congress is “in session,” legislators are working in our nation’s capital, Washington D.C. When Congress is “in recess,” legislators are typically working in their home states and districts connecting with their constituents and gaining critical insight on the issues impacting their day-to-day life. As we continue to address public health challenges, August recess provides an opportunity to connect with your Members of Congress.

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Three Virtual Ways to Connect with your Member of Congress

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Who Are Your Federal Legislators?
Find your Representative
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As an AACN Advocate, you will:

+ Receive Action Alerts requesting you to contact Congress on timely issues.
+ Receive updates through Washington Weekly, AACN’s federal policy and advocacy newsletter.
+ Gain access to breaking news regarding legislative and regulatory activities relevant to academic nursing.
+ Together, AACN Advocates helped pass the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Reauthorization, included $200 million in supplemental funding for the Nurse Corps in the American Rescue Plan Act, and ensured academic nursing provisions were included in the House-passed Build Back Better Act.

Connecting with Federal Policymakers
Contact your federal policymakers’ office to schedule a virtual or in-person appointment with the Member of Congress or their staff.

Request a Site Visit
Submit a request to your Member of Congress asking for a virtual or a potential in-person tour of your program. This is a great opportunity for federal legislators to see firsthand how academic nursing is preparing the nation’s nursing workforce to combat current and future health challenges.

Attend a Virtual, In-Person, or Telephone Town Hall
Attending virtual town hall meetings or in-person events gives you an opportunity to ask questions and receive updates on important topics affecting your state or district. These can be found on your federal legislators’ website.

Resources to Effective Advocacy

AACN’s State Sheets
How Does a Bill Become a Law?

AACN’s National Snapshot
What is the Current Status of a Bill?

A Capitol Hill Dictionary

Take Action Today.
Click here to advocate for important issues impacting academic nursing and follow @AACNPolicy on Twitter.

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