Northern Illinois University

Federal Relations: Year in Review

Research and Innovation, Legal and Legislative Affairs (RILLA)
August 15, 2019
3 Congressional receptions featured NIU

12 Meetings between federal agencies or national organizations and NIU visitors to DC

6 Members of Congress visited NIU

10 Off-campus meetings between members of Congress and NIU

43 Meetings between congressional offices and NIU visitors to DC

150 Meetings between Dr. Anna Quider and staff from congressional offices, the Administration, and federal agencies or requests for information from federal staff
NIU Congressional Reception

March 13, 2019
Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, DC

Facilitating connections for faculty is our priority.

- Meetings with federal officials
- National platform for showcasing their work
- Nomination to national advisory boards
Providing enriching opportunities for students is our priority.

- Mentorship of students seeking DC career opportunities
- Internship with Federal Relations
- Support NIU programs in DC
- Bring policy and national scholarship expertise to campus
Federal Policy

• Higher education policy
  – Higher Education Act Reauthorization unlikely in 2019
• Immigration policy
  – DACA with the US Supreme Court, ruling expected in 2020
• FY2020 appropriations
  – Flat-to-modest increases expected but not out of woods
• Research policy
Policy Partners

- Illinois-based organizations
  - University of Illinois System
  - Northwestern University
  - University of Chicago
  - Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory
  - Argonne National Laboratory
  - Other Illinois higher education institutions

- Higher education organizations
  - Association of Public and Land grant Universities
  - American Council on Education
  - Presidents’ Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration

- Research organizations
  - The Science Coalition
  - Coalition for National Science Funding
  - Energy Sciences Coalition
  - Coalition for National Security Research
  - Task Force on American Innovation

- Other organizations
  - Mid-American Conference
Leadership

Advance NIU policy priorities and reputation through national leadership roles

The Science Coalition
- President, 2018

APLU Council on Governmental Affairs
- Executive Committee, 2018–2020

British Embassy-Washington, DC
- Marshall Scholarship Selection Committee, 2018–2021
The Year Ahead

Playing offense and defense on federal legislation, policy, and funding

Preparing for the impact of the 2020 presidential election year

Responsive to campus priorities and engagement opportunities
- August 5: Panel with Reps. Foster and Underwood
- August 6: Campus visit for Rep. Kinzinger
- September 3: Campus visit for Rep. Underwood
- October 19: Campus visit for Rep. Foster
Thank You

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