



Federal Relations: Year in Review and Q4 FY 2018

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Big Picture

Federal Relations 2017 Annual Report

- 2 Congressional receptions featured NIU
- 2 National policy experts visited NIU
- 7 Meetings between federal agency officials and NIU visitors to DC
- 7 National dignitaries visited NIU
- 11 Off-campus meetings between members of Congress and NIU
- 51 Meetings between congressional offices and NIU visitors to DC
- 162 Meetings between OFR Director Anna Quider and staff from congressional offices, the Administration, and federal agencies or requests for information from federal staff



NIU Congressional Reception

March 14, 2018

U.S. Capitol Visitor Center in Washington, DC

Congressional Co-Hosts: Senator Tammy Duckworth (IL), Rep. Robin Kelly (IL-2), Rep. Don Bacon (NE-2)



Advocacy

Major legislative issues affecting NIU:

- Higher education policy and funding
- Research policy and funding
- Immigration
- Tax reform



Example: Tax Reform

Advocacy focused on protecting provisions of law that make higher education more affordable and accessible.

Multi-pronged advocacy approach was effective in passage of a final bill that:

- Maintains the tax-free status of tuition waivers for graduate students.
- Preserves current deductions for interest on student loans.
- Retains the Lifelong Learning Credit.
- Retains the ability of universities to provide tax-free tuition assistance for employees and their dependents.



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Student Engagement

Providing enriching opportunities for students is a priority for OFR.

- Mentorship of students seeking DC career opportunities
- Internship with OFR
- Support NIU programs in DC
- Bring policy expertise to campus



Faculty Engagement

Facilitating connections for faculty is a priority for OFR.

- Meetings with federal officials
- National platform for showcasing their work
- Nomination to national advisory boards



Leadership

Leveraging OFR's national leadership roles to advance NIU policy priorities and raise visibility of NIU

The Science Coalition

- President, 2018
- Vice President, 2017

APLU Council on Governmental Affairs

- Executive Committee, 2018 - 2020
- Science Task Force co-lead, 2017

APLU Council on Research

- Ex-Officio Executive Committee, 2017
- Governmental Affairs liaison, 2017



The Year Ahead



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



Preparing for the new Congress in 2019



Responsive to campus priorities



Forward, together forward!

