



# Northern Illinois University

## **Federal Relations: Year in Review**

Research and Innovation, Legal and Legislative Affairs (RILLA)  
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# IL-FY2019 Activities



## Federal Relations - FY2019 Annual Report

- 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

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



# Faculty Engagement



Facilitating connections for faculty is our priority.

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



# Student Engagement



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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