

# Nursing Students Attend 2016 Nurse In Washington Internship on Health Policy

UH Manoa Nursing students Kāleo V. Correa, PhD, RN and Jennifer Hashimoto, RN, BSN attended the Nurse in Washington Internship (NIWI) held by the Nursing Organizations Alliance (The Alliance) in Washington, DC this past spring.



Correa and Hashimoto, both family nurse practitioner students at the University of Hawaii Manoa, joined more than 75 conference attendees, including registered nurses and nursing students from 29 different states. NIWI provides nurses the opportunity to learn how to influence health care through the legislative and regulatory processes. They had the opportunity to attend informative and educational sessions, learn from

expert nursing advocates and government officials and network with other nurses. All of these activities culminated with visits to their members of Congress on Capitol Hill.

“Attending the 2016 Nurse in Washington Internship was a valuable experience, allowing us to network with nurses from across the nation and hold meetings with our legislative representatives on Capitol Hill,” says Hashimoto. Correa agreed, “We look forward to sharing our newly gained knowledge to enhance our influence on health care legislation and represent Hawaii. We are grateful for the support of the Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program, IKE A0 PONO and UH Manoa Nursing for their continued support.”

In addition to being full time students, Correa and Hashimoto are RNs at Life Care in Hilo, Hawaii and Kona, Hawaii, respectively. They are also members of the Asian American Pacific Islander Nurses Association (AAPINA), the American Nurses Student Association, and Sigma Theta Tau International.

For more information about Nursing Organizations Alliance or the Nurse in Washington Internship, visit [www.nursing-alliance.org](http://www.nursing-alliance.org) or email [alliance@amrms.com](mailto:alliance@amrms.com).