Sheila Kennedy-Stewart, MSN, RN, CMSRN attended the nurse in Washington Internship (NIWI) held by the Nursing Organizations Alliance (The Alliance) in Washington, DC, March 15 – 17, 2015.

Kennedy-Stewart joined more than 75 conference attendees, including registered nurses and nursing students from several different states. NIWI provides nurses the opportunity to learn how to influence health care through the legislative and regulatory processes. She 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 her members of Congress on Capitol Hill.

“Attending the 2015 Nurse in Washington Internship was a valuable experience. The dynamic setting was ideal for educational activities and networking with nurses from across the nation,” says Kennedy-Stewart. “I look forward to sharing my newly gained knowledge to enhance my influence on health care legislation.”

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