The NAO Public Policy Committee would like to announce that National AHEC Week will be March 28 – April 1.

AHECs have received substantial increases in federal funding over the last few years, and our ongoing success with our public policy efforts is a direct result of our strong grassroots advocacy. Fostering relationships and educating members of Congress (and their staffs) on the amazing work of the AHECs across the country is an important component of our AHEC work.

Members of Congress want to hear from their constituents, the people they represent in Congress. That’s why we’ve designated a full week of action in which AHECs across the country are encouraged to contact their legislators. We recognize that this National AHEC Week falls during ‘crunch time’ in AHEC grant writing/submission, so we have focused our efforts on supporting your advocacy efforts through providing short, concise training videos and easy-to-use messaging.

Please find the following updates and resources to enhance our efforts around National AHEC Week:

- We have invited a few members of Congress to make a proclamation declaring National AHEC Week during the week of March 28, 2022 – April 1, 2022. More information will be shared.
- Health and Medicine Counsel, our Washington, D.C., government relations firm, and NAO Public Policy committee members will offer brief video vignettes next week on various topics to increase your knowledge, comfort, and/or tools around advocacy. These videos will be shared via NAO email, the Monday Update, and the member platform.
- On March 2 at 2 p.m. ET, a Q and A session will be available for you to ask the team at Health and Medicine Counsel advocacy questions. Register HERE.