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Lauren Inouye is the Associate Director of Government Affairs for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, which represents over 760 baccalaureate and graduate schools of nursing across the country. In this role, she works to advance policy and advocacy initiatives surrounding higher nursing education, research, and practice. Lauren manages AACN's Grassroots Network, which is comprised of over 12,000 AACN member deans, faculty, students, and practicing nurses.

Prior to her role at AACN, Lauren practiced as Registered Nurse in the Adult Medical ICU at Georgetown University Hospital and served as co-chair of the hospital's Legislative Council from 2009-2011. In this capacity, she collaborated with the administration and her colleagues to host interprofessional events surrounding end-of-life care policies and legal implications for hospital clinicians, and convened staff nurses with a passion for advocacy. She was a 2011 recipient of the Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing's "100 Extraordinary Nurses" award.

Lauren received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Michigan and her Master of Public Policy from Georgetown University. Her thesis work focused on perceived legal barriers at the state level and the impact on participation in the Medicare Hospice Benefits program. She is a member of Women in Government Relations.