ISAB Chairperson goes to Capitol Hill to attend NAFSA’s Advocacy Day

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Athens, Ga (Mar. 1, 2020) – Spring break with a political twist: Katja Sonkeng, current chairperson of the International Student Advisory Board, will be in attendance of this year’s NAFSA’s Advocacy Day 2020 for international education at Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Advocacy Day is an annual event that is hosted in March by NAFSA, a national association of educators worldwide that share the common belief that international education is essential. With more than 10,000 members worldwide, NAFSA is highly committed to help advance policies and practices that build global citizens with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in today’s interconnected world.

At NAFSA’s Advocacy Day, students, scholars, and researchers are given the opportunity to share with U.S. Congressional members the most pressing needs and concerns of international students while helping develop a better understanding on international education as a whole. It also allows participants to share their stories and speak on behalf of the individuals and institutions they represent.

Prior to meetings with the congressional members at Capitol Hill, a one-day session of training and strategizing will be held to ensure that participants are well-prepared and equipped for various interactions with the US law makers. At the second day of the event, participants will head to Capitol Hill to meet with members of Congress and educate them about the importance of international education. Participants will also have to opportunity to have personal meetings with elected officials and their staff.

“Words cannot describe how excited I am about this unique opportunity. I believe this is a great chance to foster and advance cultural understanding and exchange as well as appreciation for international education and the power of diversity,” said Katja. “I’m proud and humbled at the same time to have been chosen to represent the UGA International Student Community.”

For more information, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to Katja. She might be able to act as your voice and bring your concerns to Capitol Hill. She will do an Instagram takeover to share her experience at Capitol Hill. Make sure to follow us @UGAISAB.