



**CLOSE UP**<sup>®</sup>  
WASHINGTON DC



**WASHINGTON, DC**

**HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM**



# THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

The Close Up experience is one you'll carry with you for life, immersing you in one of the world's most **thrilling and important cities**. As you explore **famous memorials, museums, and institutions of government**, you'll **discuss the issues** that matter to you, **find your voice** as a citizen, and **forge lasting friendships** with peers from across the United States!



Ready for a once-in-a-lifetime experience? Your adventure awaits!

*\*Workshops are small learning communities made up of students from various states. Each workshop community is led by the same Close Up program instructor for the duration of the trip.*

*\*\* Study visits led by highly trained instructors provide unique opportunities to learn using historic sites and institutions as living classrooms.*

Sample schedule subject to change.

## SUNDAY

### Arrive in Washington

Meet your Close Up concierge and **explore the city** with your school

### Welcome Dinner

### Program Orientation & Community Building

Meet Close Up staff and **review your purpose and goals** for the week

### Opening Workshop\*

What are the **biggest issues we face** in our democracy today?

### Facts & Fun:

### Ultimate Trivia Night

Show off your **knowledge of Washington** with teammates from across the country

## MONDAY

### American Political Values Study Visit\*\*

How do the values of **liberty, equality, and justice** impact trends and ideas in the U.S. political system today?

**Jefferson Memorial**—What is the significance of liberty in the Founding Documents?

**FDR Memorial**—How was equality defined by FDR and his New Deal?

**MLK Memorial**—How did MLK influence the value of justice in the Civil Rights Movement?

### Lunch at Reagan Building and International Trade Center

### Smithsonian Institution Exploration

Visit one of the **world-renowned museums** to learn about history and culture

### American Political Values Workshop

Examine the connections between **liberty, equality, and justice**

### Dinner at Hotel

### Current Issues Discussion

Debate **hot topics** with new friends from across the nation

## TUESDAY

### War Memorials Study Visit

What do the **WWII, Vietnam Veterans, and Korean War Veterans Memorials** say about **those who have served and sacrificed**?

### Lincoln Memorial

How does the **imagery of this memorial** portray Lincoln's legacy?

### Capitol Hill Group Photo

### Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza

**National Politics Seminar** Gain **inside access and discuss current issues** with a Washington lobbyist, journalist, or policymaker

### Citizen Action Site

Get inspired by **examples of citizens making a difference** in their communities and the nation

### U.S. Marine Corps Memorial

Visit the larger-than-life representation of the **iconic flag-raising at Iwo Jima**

### Dinner at Pentagon City

**Mock Congress Workshop** Debate, amend, and vote on the same issues elected representatives are currently considering

## WEDNESDAY

### Capitol Hill Day

Walk the halls of Congress and get an exclusive, insider's look at how our government operates

**Meet with your members of Congress** or their staff

Attend **congressional committee hearings** to see how laws are formed

Explore the **Capitol Visitor Center and Museum**

Have **lunch at Longworth Cafeteria**, a hot spot for Washington insiders

Visit the **Supreme Court**, where landmark cases are decided

View the symbolic art and architecture at the **Library of Congress**, the largest library in the world

Witness the **Senate and House of Representatives** in action in the galleries

### Dinner at Union Station

**Washington Cultural Event** See a **show** at a famous theater or experience a **night on the town**

### Social Time

## THURSDAY

### White House Study Visit

Discuss the role of the **executive branch** as you walk through the president's neighborhood

### Citizen Action Seminar

Hear from an **advocacy organization** about how they are impacting the community

### Neighborhood Study Visit and Lunch

Get off the beaten path in neighborhoods such as **Dupont Circle** and **Chinatown**

### Air Force Memorial

**Honor those who have served** in the Air Force and get a breathtaking view of the city

### Arlington Cemetery

Visit our nation's most hallowed ground and **witness the Changing of the Guard**

### Closing Reflection

How will you **stay engaged** on issues that matter to you?

### Banquet and Dance

Have a **memorable, fun-filled evening** with your new friends before returning home

## FRIDAY

### Sightsee in Washington

Prior to your departure, **spend some more time in the city** with your school

### Depart for Home

“Close Up gave me the opportunity to visit famous historical sites and I was able to discuss major political and social issues with my workshop and learn from different perspectives. I am very grateful for this opportunity!”

– Lesley, Student, Arizona



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## ABOUT CLOSE UP

The Close Up Foundation was founded in 1971 as a comprehensive, **nonprofit, civic education organization** with the goal of helping young people understand, experience, and take part in their government. Our mission to create informed, inspired citizens remains essential over 50 years later, guiding us in our work to engage schools in all 50 states. Through **experiential programs** in our nation's capital and in local communities, **professional development** for educators, and **curriculum and resource design**, we have served more than one million students and educators nationwide.

Learn about Close Up's nationwide network of Civic Ambassadors and engaged citizens making a difference in their communities!



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