

# CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM - WASHINGTON, DC



## 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

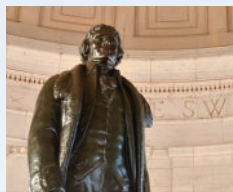
Show off your **knowledge of Washington** with teammates from across the country

Sample schedule subject to change.

*\*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.*

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## 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