

CLOSE UP
WASHINGTON DC
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2011-12 High School Programs
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Formed in 1971, Close Up is a non-profit that exists to educate and inspire young people to participate in our democracy. We fulfill our mission with exciting, hands-on programs for students and teachers in Washington, D.C. Using the city as a living classroom, students are given access to the people, processes and places that make our nation's capital so unique. Over 725,000 students and teachers have participated in our experiential programs. Countless more have appeared on our TV show and used our textbook *Current Issues* to debate hot topics in classrooms nationwide.



WHY CLOSE UP?

Close Up's programs are a perfect mix of travel, learning and fun!

- INSTRUCTION:** Unlike tour organizations, we use trained Program Instructors, not contracted tour guides, to provide students with rewarding and fun experiences. Students learn valuable lessons that complement history and government classes.
- EXPERIENCE:** Since 1971, over 725,000 students and teachers have participated in our one-of-a-kind programs.
- IMPACT:** Our proven curriculum and teaching methods will educate and inspire your students. Our programs are designed to align with each state's social studies standards.
- TRAVEL:** We use major U.S. airlines, Amtrak or privately chartered motorcoaches for your travel.
- HOTELS:** We use national hotel chains, such as Marriott, Sheraton and Holiday Inn. Our hotels are in safe and vibrant neighborhoods close to the Metro.
- MEALS:** Beginning with dinner on your arrival day, we provide students with 3 hearty meals per day.
- LIABILITY:** We have a \$26,000,000 policy to protect you and your school. We provide secondary health insurance and specialized access to Georgetown Medical Center, should medical care be needed.
- SAFETY:** Your safety is our #1 priority – from the time you travel here until you arrive home. We provide full supervision including night monitors at each hotel.
- CUSTOMIZE:** Each year, we customize hundreds of educational experiences for schools and groups across the country. Our curriculum staff will work with you to develop a program that will meet your educational needs.
- COLLEGE:** Our dynamic curriculum allows you to take your educational experience even further. High school students can get a jump on the college admissions process by opting to earn college credit from the University of Virginia.

OUR PROGRAM & MISSION

For over 40 years, Close Up's instructors have utilized a unique teaching method to appeal to virtually all students.

Our participants come from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Puerto Rico and numerous countries around the world. More than 94% of alumni say that Close Up helped them better understand their roles as citizens.

We work closely with teachers, administrators, parents and students nationwide, as well as with longstanding partners and funders such as the U.S. Congress, the Department of Education, the Department of Interior, the Freedom Forum, C-SPAN, the Center on Congress, and Bank of America, and we are approved by the National Association of Secondary School Principals for 2011-12.

Additionally, we fulfill our mission through classroom teaching tools. The most notable is *Current Issues*, in its 35th edition, which is relied on by teachers to stimulate student debate on key policy issues. For over 35 years, we have also produced hundreds of TV shows on C-SPAN that feature Close Up students dialoguing with U.S. Presidents, lawmakers and the media.

98

Percent of Close Up students would recommend this program.



CLOSE UP WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

SUNDAY



Arrive in Washington, D.C.
Hotel check-in
Welcome dinner
Meet peers from schools nationwide
Iwo Jima Memorial: National Mall overlook
Orientation workshop



Meet & greet social activity

MONDAY

Hot breakfast buffet
Abraham Lincoln Memorial: Study visit
Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial
Smithsonian Air & Space Museum: Study visit & lunch



War Memorials: Study visit at Korean, Vietnam & World War II

National Politics Seminar: Get an insider's view
Georgetown Neighborhood: Study visit
Dinner at Bucca Di Beppo



Issues Debate: Liberal vs. Conservative —You get to ask the questions
Social activity

TUESDAY

Hot breakfast buffet
United States Capitol: Orientation and visit
Walk the National Mall
Thomas Jefferson Memorial: Study visit at the Tidal Basin



Smithsonian American History Museum: Study visit & lunch

National Defense Seminar: Hear from the Pentagon

Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial study visit

Dinner at Pentagon City
White House photo-op



Mock Congress Workshop: Prep for Capitol Hill Day
Social activity

WEDNESDAY

Hot breakfast buffet



Capitol Hill Day: Meet with your members of Congress or their staffs

Attend and observe key testimony in Congressional Committee Hearings

Explore the U.S. Capitol Hill Visitor Center & Museum

Lunch at the House Cafeteria

Visit the Supreme Court & Library of Congress

Take your seat in the Galleries to see the U.S. Senate & House of Representatives in action
Dinner at D.C.'s historic Union Station



Enjoy D.C.'s Signature Night Monument Tour or choose a performance at a renowned D.C. theater

Social activity

THURSDAY

Hot breakfast buffet



Choose among our many electives or spend the day with your school:

- **Law vs. Civil Disobedience:** National Archives, National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Ghandi Memorial
- **Art of Politics:** Smithsonian Museum of American History, National Gallery of Art, Historic U Street and the African American Civil War Memorial
- **Unthinkable Acts-Examining History:** U.S. Holocaust Museum, Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian, Memorial to Japanese Patriotism during WWII
- **Honoring Service:** Arlington Cemetery, 9/11 Memorial at the Pentagon, Department of Labor Hall of Fame

Lunch on the National Mall

Student Photojournalism Exhibit: Show what you learned

Banquet & dance

FRIDAY

Hot breakfast buffet



Depart for home

Additional program options:

- Extend your stay with our early arrival or late departure packages.
- Add a day trip to Mt. Vernon, Gettysburg or Philadelphia.
- Add 3 days/2 nights in New York City.

"The Close Up Foundation provided an in-depth and unique experience for teachers and students. It is a wonderful experience in democracy."

Lori, Teacher, CA

Study visits led by our highly-trained instructors give students unique opportunities to learn using historic sites and institutions as living classrooms.

Workshops and seminars reinforce this learning and help students make personal connections to the roles that they, as ordinary citizens, play in the U.S. democracy.

Sample schedule

WASHINGTON, D.C. & WILLIAMSBURG

- 7 days/6 nights
- Close Up's Washington High School Program plus:
 - 2 days/1 night exploring Colonial Williamsburg with Williamsburg's renowned historical interpreters!
- Visit www.closeup.org for a sample schedule and more details.



WASHINGTON, D.C. & NEW YORK

- 8 days/7 nights
- Close Up's Washington High School Program plus:
 - 3 days/2 nights exploring the Big Apple and experiencing a Broadway show!
- Visit www.closeup.org for a sample schedule and more details.



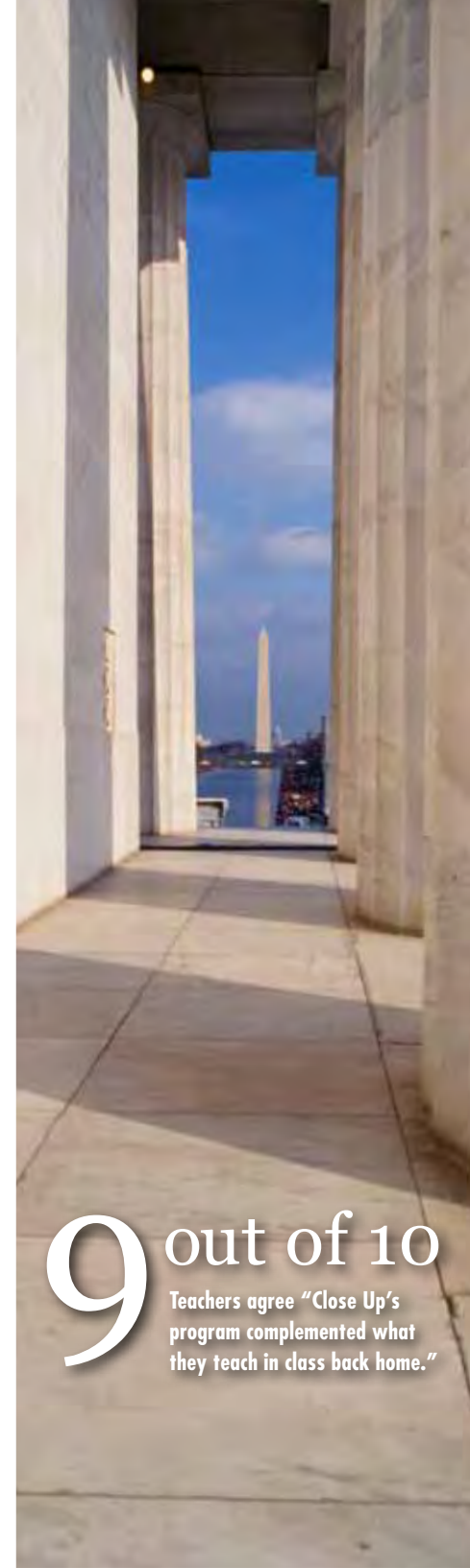
CUSTOMIZE YOUR PROGRAM

Our curriculum experts are happy to design a program that is tailored to meet the needs of you and your students. Customizing your program gives you great flexibility to vary program dates, length, activities, and themes. Whether it is visits to Civil War Battlefields, a shorter experience in Washington, or a historic trip through the East Coast, our 40 years of experience will ensure that your group has a safe, educational, and fun-filled experience with Close Up.

Contact us at info@closeup.org for more information.



9 out of 10
Teachers agree "Close Up's
program complemented what
they teach in class back home."



96

Percent of teachers agreed that Close Up's program helped their students better understand their roles as citizens in a democracy.



TEACHERS

Bring your classroom to life!

At Close Up, we provide educational value and complement what you do in your classroom. Your students are not here to simply sightsee, and you are not here to simply chaperone. Our curriculum is aligned with state standards for social studies, history and civics. Our outstanding faculty of Program Instructors conduct fascinating workshops and discussions between students and their peers. We bring students face-to-face with the people and places that have shaped our nation, and provide them with the opportunity to meet with their Congressional delegation on Capitol Hill Day. As a result, young people not only get to witness Washington, D.C. close up, but they return home inspired to play an informed and active role in your community and in turn, make the country a better place to live.

While students explore D.C. with our instructors, you have the option of participating in our professional development program options, led by our Teacher Program Specialists. The Teacher Program draws on the expertise of our many partner institutions, which provide outstanding speakers, demonstrations, and simulations designed to give teachers like you your very own Close Up experience. You will return home with new insights on current issues and with tools to improve and enhance your lesson plans.

PARENTS

Give your child the opportunity to become an active citizen!

Close Up is a non-profit educational organization, which means we work hard to offer an incredible program at the best possible value. We know that in these economic times, where you put every penny counts. The Close Up program is an investment in your child's future and the future of our nation. Our program's sole purpose is to provide your child with the chance to experience our government in action and encourage them to return home and participate in their community.

Your student is a leader of tomorrow, and by having them participate in a Close Up program, we know that they will make the country a better place for future generations.

Our programs are a great value and our all-inclusive cost* includes:

- 3 meals per day
- Coach bus transportation around the city
- Quality hotel accommodations, a quick bus ride from downtown
- Educational materials
- Top-notch instruction from trained educators
- All entrances fees and gratuities covered
- All program logistics and planning
- Booking speakers and Congressional meetings
- 24-hour supervision including night monitors at each hotel
- A dedicated Close Up Representative for your school
- Group photo, certificate and Close Up souvenir
- Specialized access to Georgetown Medical Center

All Close Up activities are designed with your student's safety in mind. With over 40 years of experience, we ensure that Close Up students have the safest, most enjoyable and most memorable experience possible in Washington, D.C.

**You may elect to purchase your own travel arrangements separately from Close Up's travel package.*

ENDORSED BY



OUR PARTNERS

- The U.S. Congress
- U.S. Dept. of Education
- U.S. Dept. of Interior
- University of Virginia
- Freedom Forum
- C-SPAN
- Center on Congress
- Smithsonian Institute
- Georgetown University
- Medical Center
- National Archives
- American Red Cross
- U.S. Federal Courts
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
- U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum
- Mt. Vernon
- U.S. State Department
- Library of Congress
- Smithsonian National Museum of American History
- Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian
- President Lincoln's Cottage
- International Center for Nonviolent Conflict
- White House Historical Association
- Newseum
- First Amendment Center
- National Museum of Crime & Punishment
- Embassies of Washington
- U.S. Park Service
- Harper's Ferry Historic Park
- Gettysburg National Battlefield
- Teach American History Grant Programs
- Center for the Constitution- We the People
- National Indian Education Association
- United South and Eastern Tribes
- National Congress of the American Indian

STUDENTS

An unforgettable week in Washington, D.C.!

Our program is like no other. Close Up is extremely exciting! You will learn more than you ever thought possible, achieve more than you ever thought you could, and have more fun than we could ever explain! We put you in the center of the action in one of the world's most exciting cities. During our fast-paced, interactive programs in the nation's capital, you will take part in thrilling, challenging and unforgettable activities as you breathe in all that Washington has to offer. Close Up not only allows you to see your government, but to be part of your government.

You will. . .

- See D.C.'s famous monuments and memorials close up;
- Discuss current issues that face your community and country;
- Experience Embassy Row;
- Make new friends from around the nation;
- Meet with your Congressional delegation and/or their staffs;
- Talk with members of Congress, Washington insiders & journalists;
- Visit the world-renowned Smithsonian Museums;
- Customize your program through our Thursday electives;
- Debate hot topics during our dynamic mock congress activity;
- Capture awe-inspiring views of D.C.'s famous landmarks at night;
- Enjoy a banquet and dance;
- Discover D.C.'s vibrant neighborhoods and so much more!

Option to earn College Credit from UNIVERSITY of VIRGINIA

Close Up also gives you the opportunity to get a jump start in the college admissions process by giving you the chance to earn college credit. For an additional cost, students can earn 1 college credit from the University of Virginia (UVA), the #2 ranked public University by U.S. News & World Report. Remember to always list Close Up on your college applications and your resume as a leadership activity!



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NEXT STEPS

TEACHERS: Contact your Close Up Representative at 800-CLOSE UP or email us at info@closeup.org for more information on these exciting options and how to enroll your school!

PARENTS: To enroll your child in a Close Up program, simply contact your school's Close Up teacher. If your school does not have a Close Up teacher, just contact us or refer a teacher today!

STUDENTS: Talk to your Close Up teacher today to get your Close Up Participant ID and Password to enroll in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Whether you attend Close Up with your school or on your own, you will make lots of new friends as you live, learn and interact with other students from across the United States and the world.

Please feel free to call us at 800-256-7387, email us at info@closeup.org or visit us online at www.closeup.org for more information.



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Percent of students say that Close Up helped them better understand what they read in their textbooks back home.

What Happens Here Can Change Your World

www.CloseUp.org



725,000 Close Up Alumni from all 50 states, U.S. territories, D.C., Puerto Rico, + 25 countries.



"This week has been informative, engaging and tons of fun!"

- Lucas, Student, MT



"I speak from experience, as I have seen the tremendous impact that this program has had in educating students from all parts of the world and from all walks of life. . . we get so much in terms of return for so little investment! This is the best program I have experienced bar none."

- Edgar, Teacher, FL

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