

# CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM - ELECTION WEEK



## SUNDAY

### Arrive in Washington

Meet your Close Up concierge and explore DC with your school

### Welcome Dinner

### Group Orientation

Meet students from across the country and **get to know your Close Up program instructor**

### Introduction Workshop\*

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

### Election Issues Debate

Ask your most challenging political questions and hear from a liberal and a conservative DC insider

### Social Time

*\*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.

## MONDAY

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

Where do American political values come from and what do they mean today?

**Jefferson Memorial**—How do the rights outlined in the Founding Documents apply to our view of liberty today?

**FDR Memorial**—What rights are needed to ensure equality and promote the welfare of citizens in the United States?

**MLK Memorial**—How do we see MLK's view of justice in the United States today?

### Lunch at Reagan Building

### Voting Rights Seminar

Discuss current issues with a DC lobbyist, journalist, or policymaker

### Smithsonian Institution Exploration

Visit a world-renowned museum to learn about history and culture

### American Political Values Workshop

Examine the connections between liberty, equality, and justice

### Dinner at Hotel

### Current Issues in Public Policy Discussion

Debate hot topics with your new friends from across the country

## TUESDAY

### War Memorials Study Visit

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

### Lincoln Memorial

How does the **imagery of the Lincoln Memorial** portray his legacy?

### Capitol Hill Group Photo

### Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza

### Citizen Action Sites

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**

### Election Issues in Congress Workshop

Prepare for the **election returns** by examining the issues that have driven the debate

### Election Watch Party & Dinner

Hear from **political insiders** as election results are announced in real-time at an exclusive event

### Social Time

## WEDNESDAY

### Mock Congress Workshop & Simulation

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

### Capitol Hill Day

Get an exclusive, insider's look at how our government operates by **meeting with members of Congress** or their staff

Tour the Capitol and discover the exhibits in the **Capitol Visitor Center**

### Lunch on the National Mall

Explore the **Library of Congress**, the largest library in the world, and view the symbolic art and architecture

Pop into one of the **Smithsonian Museums**, see the **Washington Monument** or visit **National Archives**

### Dinner at DC's Union Station

### Night on the Town

## THURSDAY

### White House and Black Lives Matter Plaza Study Visit

Discuss how protests and public demonstrations have impacted our country's history

### Citizen Action Seminar

Hear from an advocacy organization & how they are impacting the community

### Neighborhood Study Visit and Lunch

Explore DC off the beaten path, e.g. U Street, Chinatown

### National Portrait Gallery

Come to know the people who have shaped our nation through this extensive collection of portraits

### Arlington National Cemetery

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

### Final Workshop

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

### Banquet and Dance

Enjoy a **fun-filled evening with your new friends** as you dance the night away

## FRIDAY

### Sightsee in Washington

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

### Depart for Home

“Close Up was such a valuable experience that I will never forget!”

— MAX, STUDENT, RI



Hear more from Close Up teachers, students, and parents!