CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL INAUGURATION PROGRAM
Washington, DC

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?
Issues Debate
Ask your most challenging political questions and engage with a liberal and conservative DC insider
Social Time

MONDAY
Exploring American Political Values Study Visit**
Where do American political values come from and what do they mean?
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?
MLK Memorial—How do we see MLK’s view of justice in the US today?
Group Photo
Lunch at Smithsonian
Presidential Seminar
Take a deeper look at the President’s agenda
U.S. Marine Corps Memorial
Visit the larger-than-life representation of the iconic flag-raising at Iwo Jima
Dinner at Hotel
Mock Congress Workshop & Simulation
Debate, amend, and vote on the same issues elected representatives are currently considering

TUESDAY
Arlington National Cemetery
Visit our nation’s most hallowed ground and witness the Changing of the Guard
Lunch at National Place
War Memorials Study Visit
What do the WWII, Lincoln, Vietnam, and Korean Memorials say about those who have served and sacrificed?
Pre-Inauguration Events
Kick off the festivities for the Presidential Inauguration with these once-in-a-lifetime events e.g. headliner concerts, fireworks on the National Mall
Dinner
American Political Values Workshop
Examine the connections between liberty, equality, and justice
Social Time

WEDNESDAY
Attend Inauguration Day Events with Your School
Swearing-in of the U.S. President and Vice President
Watch history in the making as the President gets sworn into office
Inaugural Address
Be inspired as you listen to the President address the nation
Inaugural Parade
See the President and Vice President make their way down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House
Lunch at Inauguration Events
Dinner at Inaugural Luncheon
Inaugural Ball
Celebrate and dance the night away at this exclusive event with fun games, great food, and three live DJs!

THURSDAY
Capitol Hill Walking Workshop
Walk the halls of Congress to get a first-hand look at how the legislative branch works
Congressional Seminar
Examine the goals of the new Congress and discuss their impact on the future of our nation
Neighborhood Study Visit and Lunch
Explore DC off the beaten path, e.g. U Street, Adams Morgan
DC’s Hidden Gem
Discover another side of DC with a visit to one of its lesser-known sites
Dinner
Current Issues in Public Policy Workshop
Debate hot topics with your new friends from across the country
Social Time

FRIDAY
Spend the Day with Your School Exploring DC
Smithsonian Institution Museums
Chinatown and The National Portrait Gallery
U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum
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

SATURDAY
Sightsee in Washington
Prior to your departure, spend some more time in the city with your school
Depart for Home

EXTEND YOUR STAY!
Enhance your Close Up experience and spend an extra day in DC! Choose to visit MOUNT VERNON, George Washington’s home in Virginia, or other iconic sites and exciting neighborhoods in the nation’s capital with your school.

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Sample schedule subject to change.

* Workshops are small learning communities comprised 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.
† Inaugural public events planned by the Presidential Inaugural Committee are not guaranteed and subject to availability.

Close Up gave me the opportunity to have my voice heard!
– Kris, Student, TX