**CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM**

**Washington, DC**

**SUNDAY**
- Arrive in Washington
- Meet your Close Up Concierge and explore DC with your school
- Welcome Dinner

**MONDAY**
- 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 a conservative DC insider

**TUESDAY**
- 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 in the Founding Documents apply to our view of liberty?
- FDR Memorial—What rights are needed to ensure equality?
- MLK Memorial—How do we see MLK's view of justice in the U.S. today?
- Lunch at Reagan Building
- National Politics Seminar
  - Gain inside access and discuss current issues with a DC lobbyist, journalist, or policymaker
- Smithsonian Institution Exploration
  - Visit one of the world-renowned museums to discover and learn about history and culture
- American Political Values Workshop
  - Examine the connections between liberty, equality, and justice
- Dinner at Hotel

**WEDNESDAY**
- War Memorials Study Visit*
  - What do the WWII, Vietnam, and Korean 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 National Place
- Embassy Discovery
  - Step foot on “foreign soil” and discuss the international political landscape
- U.S. Marine Corps Memorial
  - Visit the larger-than-life representation of the iconic flag-raising at Iwo Jima
- Pentagon 9/11 Memorial
  - In what ways did the events of 9/11 change America forever?
- Dinner at Pentagon City

**THURSDAY**
- Capitol Hill Day
  - Meet with your members of Congress or their staff
- Attend and observe Congressional Committee Hearings to see how laws and policies are formed
- Explore the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center and Museum
- Lunch at the Longworth Cafeteria, a hot spot for Congressional staff and DC insiders
- Visit the Supreme Court where many landmark cases are decided
- Explore the Library of Congress, the largest library in the world, and view the symbolic art and architecture
- Witness the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives in action in the Galleries
- Dinner at DC’s Historic Union Station

**FRIDAY**
- Sustaining Democracy Workshop
  - What citizen actions are necessary to foster and maintain a vibrant democracy?
- White House Study Visit
  - Discuss how protests and public demonstrations have impacted our country’s history
- Citizen Action Sites
  - Get inspired by examples of citizens making a difference in their communities
- 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
- Closing Reflection
  - 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

**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.

**CloseUp was wonderful! I met so many new friends and the instructors were great at explaining things. Everything we did was engaging, fun, and educational.**

— Abby, Student, AK

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* 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.

Sample schedule subject to change.