



WASHINGTON, DC MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Ultimate Experience

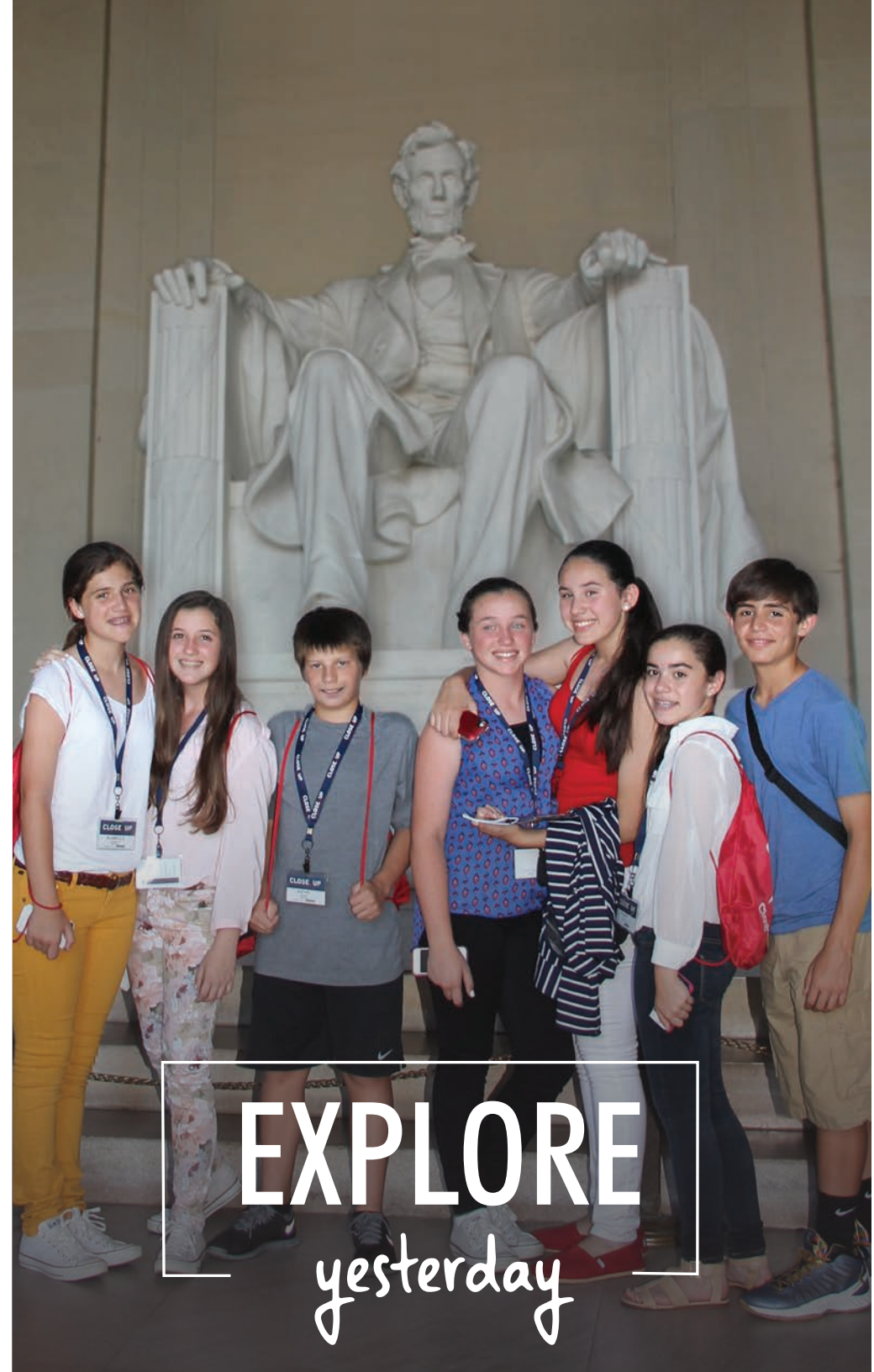


Who We Are

Close Up is more than a tour – we are the ultimate **real-world experience**. Since 1971, we have brought over **900,000 students and teachers** to our **nation's capital** to show them **first-hand** the **power of the political process** and how it relates to them.

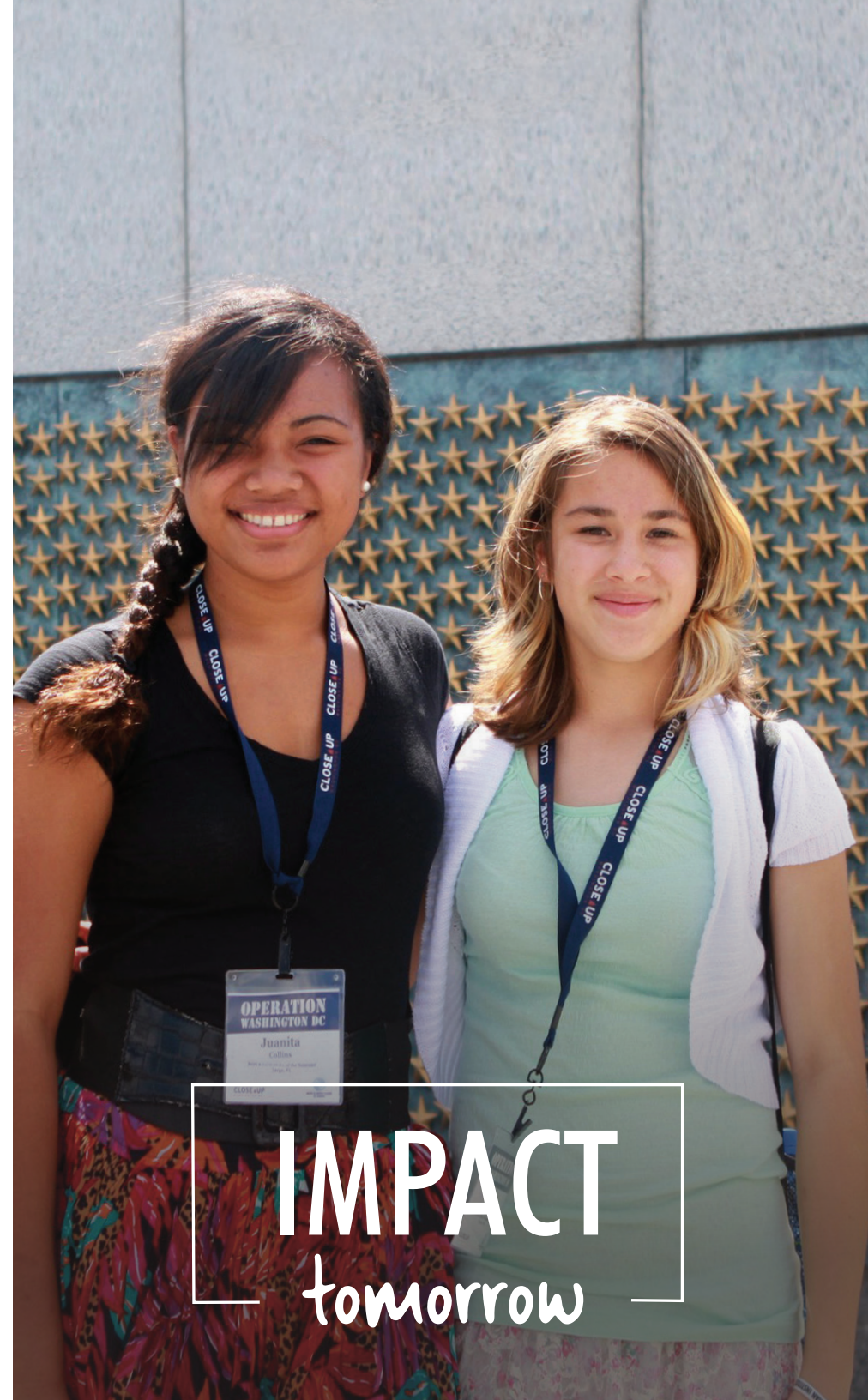
Using DC as a **living classroom**, students make personal connections with the people, institutions, and **iconic sites** that embody our nation's past and present. By **living and learning** with students from across the country, our programs **bring history to life** and help young people find their unique voice. The **empowerment of youth** and the **issues they care about** are at the core of what we do.

We believe that informed citizens create a **stronger nation**, so it's our mission to provide young people with the skills they will need to be actively **engaged citizens for a lifetime**. Not only will students have a fun and **inspirational experience**, they will also come back as **leaders in their community!**

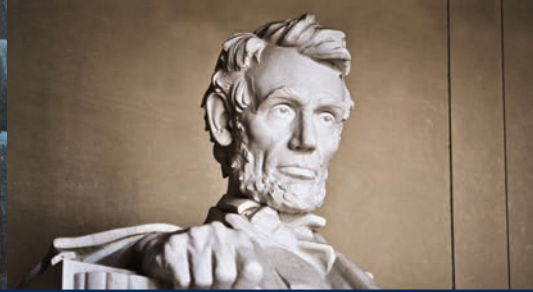




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WASHINGTON, DC FLAGSHIP PROGRAM

Sunday

Arrive in Washington, DC

Meet your Close Up Concierge and explore DC with your school

Welcome Dinner

Group Orientation

Meet students from across the country who you will spend the week with and **get to know your Close Up Program Instructors**

Essentials of Democracy Workshop*

How does the **government** impact your life?

Meet and Greet Social Activity

Monday

Thomas Jefferson & Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visits*

Learn about two of America's most influential presidents and decide **which rights are most important to you**

Lunch in Downtown DC

Explore the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center and Museum

An inside look at **how Congress works**

Visit the Supreme Court and Library of Congress

Korean War, Vietnam War, and Lincoln Memorial Study Visits
How did citizens make a **difference** during major conflicts in American history?

Dinner at Pentagon City Mall

Examining Citizenship Workshop
How can you solve the **unique problems facing your community?**

Social Activity

Tuesday

WWII Memorial Study Visit
Learn how everyday citizens **supported the war effort**

MLK Memorial Study Visit
How can an ordinary citizen **accomplish extraordinary things?**

Smithsonian Institution Exploration
Visit one of the **world-renowned museums** to discover and learn about history and culture

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

Dinner at DC's Historic Union Station

Mock Congress Workshop
Take on the role of a member of Congress to **debate and vote** on today's most pressing issues

Wednesday

Citizenship Send-Off Workshop
Set goals and identify ways in which you can **be more active and involved** in your community

White House Photo-Op
Discuss the role of the **executive branch** as you walk through the **President's neighborhood**

Smithsonian Air & Space Museum Study Visit and Lunch
Launch into another stratosphere as you explore the **history and science of aviation and spaceflight** at this popular Smithsonian favorite

The National Mall and National Archives

Depart for home

Extend your stay

Enhance your Close Up experience and spend an extra day in DC! Choose to visit the **NEWSEUM**, DC's interactive museum of journalism and current events, or **MT. VERNON**, George Washington's home in Virginia!

** 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.



EXCITING ADD-ON EXPERIENCES

SPEND AN EXTRA DAY IN ONE OF THESE HISTORIC CITIES

Philadelphia

Visit the National Constitution Center

Take a journey through the **Constitution** in this interactive history museum

Explore Independence Park and Philadelphia's Historic District

Find yourself surrounded by American history

Independence Hall: Visit the birthplace of our nation

Printing office: Discover the role the printed word played in the American Revolution

Liberty Bell

Lunch at the historic Bourse Building

Congress Hall

President's House

Explore the **first executive mansion**

Washington Square and Tomb of the Unknowns

Williamsburg

Governor's Palace

Explore the site that became the **home to Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, and seven royal governors**

Tavern Lunch

Dine in one of Williamsburg's **rustic taverns** located in the heart of the Revolutionary City

Colonial Williamsburg Study Visit

Immerse yourself in **Virginia's colonial history** from 1699-1775 led by Williamsburg's Historical Interpreters

Experience 18th-century life:

Walk in the footsteps of Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, and George Wythe

Visit the Capitol: The seat of Colonial Virginia's power

Sit in the pews of Bruton Parish Church where George Washington worshipped

Gettysburg

Gettysburg Cyclorama

Experience the **Battle of Gettysburg** through a dramatic sound and light program that is as tall as a four-story building

Gettysburg Museum of the Civil War Study Visit and Lunch

Explore this **interactive exhibit** featuring relics from the Battle of Gettysburg

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address Site

Reflect on the importance of one of **America's great speeches**

Historic Battlefield Tour

Walk your way through the Battle of Gettysburg and learn more about the **turning point in the Civil War** with a Gettysburg park ranger

“Close Up was one of the best experiences ever! I loved everything and I will never forget this trip!”

– Michelle, Student, CA

New York City

THURSDAY

Central Park Study Visit

Visit landmarks such as **Strawberry Fields, Imagine Circle, and Belvedere Castle**

Lunch at a New York deli

Museum Exploration

Visit one of New York's many **cultural centers**

Times Square Visit and Dinner

Enjoy **dinner under the bright lights** in this iconic destination

Performance at a Broadway Theater

FRIDAY

Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island

Explore the universal symbol of **freedom and democracy**

Financial District and 9/11 Memorial Study Visits

Brooklyn Bridge Walk

Dinner in Little Italy

Rockefeller Plaza

See 360 degrees of New York City from **Top of the Rock**

SATURDAY

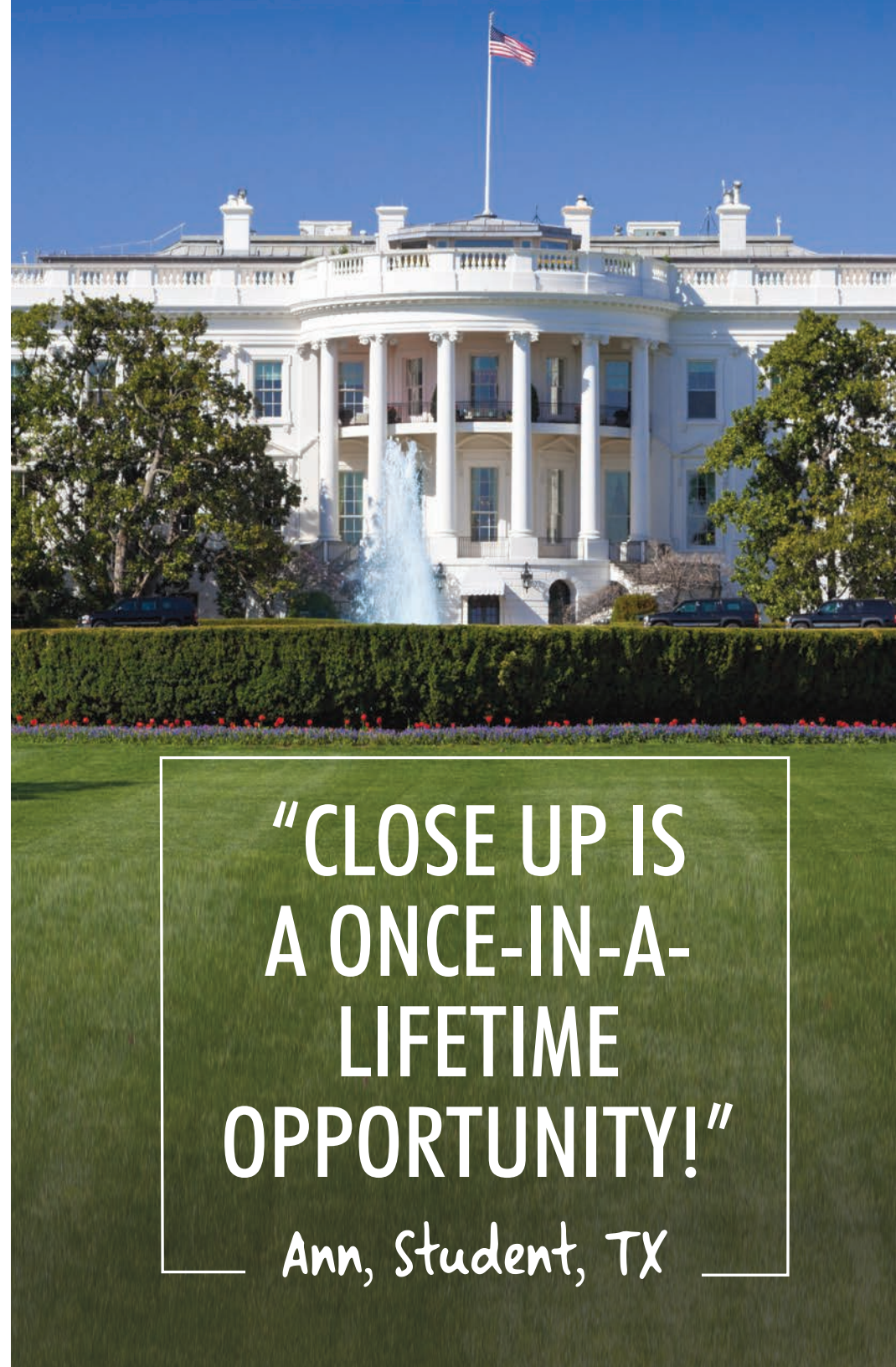
Sightsee in the Big Apple

Spend time in the city with your school



**"THIS PROGRAM
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CLASSROOM."**

Pat, Teacher, FL



**"CLOSE UP IS
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LIFETIME
OPPORTUNITY!"**

Ann, Student, TX



**"EVERY KID
SHOULD GET
THE CHANCE
TO PARTICIPATE
IN CLOSE UP!"**

Susan, Parent, MI

The Close Up Experience

Close Up Washington is the nation's premier civic experience! Immerse yourself in all that Washington, DC, has to offer and explore the famous monuments, world-renowned museums, and hallowed institutions that define our past, inspire our present, and impact our future.

Envision the humbling moment when you read the Gettysburg Address in the chamber of the Lincoln Memorial for the first time. Discover our nation's rich history and culture as you explore one of DC's incredible Smithsonian museums. Imagine walking through the halls of Congress to witness our democracy in action!

Close Up programs give you these once-in-a-lifetime opportunities that bring history to life! You will better understand how the founding of our nation impacts us today. Your experience with Close Up will be unlike any other!

Close Up ensures you have the safest and most memorable experience possible through our all-inclusive package that includes travel, lodging, 24-hour supervision, and access to medical care. Close Up's highly-trained instructors guide you as you participate in thrilling and unforgettable activities in our nation's capital!

You will:

- **Make lifelong friendships** as you exchange ideas with students from around the country;
- **Visit the world-renowned Smithsonian Museums** where history, science, art, and culture come alive;
- **Discuss the events that have shaped our world** through visits to DC's must-see sites, including Arlington National Cemetery to witness the Changing of the Guard; and
- **Take part in an exciting, hands-on Mock Congress** and learn more about the issues you care about the most!





Get Started Now!

Talk to your Close Up teacher today to get your Participant ID and Password and enroll in this amazing opportunity!

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