



**CLOSE UP**  
WASHINGTON DC

## WASHINGTON & NEW YORK HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

*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 America's most notable cities as living classrooms, students make **personal connections** with the people, institutions, and **iconic sites** that embody our nation's past and present. Through **meaningful conversations** with students from across the country, our programs 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 democracy, 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!**



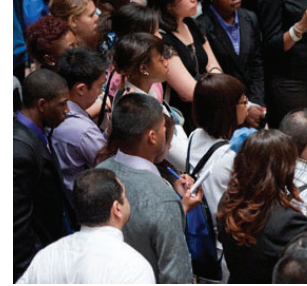
EXPLORE  
yesterday



**INSPIRE**  
today



**IMPACT**  
tomorrow



# 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 a conservative DC insider**

*\* 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 Program Instructors provide unique opportunities to learn using historic sites and institutions as living classrooms.*

**Sample schedule subject to change.**

# Monday

## Three Faces of Democracy Study Visit\*

How do the ideas championed by these **famous figures impact society**?

**Jefferson Memorial**—What about our government would Jefferson agree or disagree with today?

**FDR Memorial**—Should government take an active role in providing for people’s basic needs?

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

## Lunch at Reagan Building and International Trade Center

**Embassy Discovery**  
Step foot on “foreign soil” and discuss the **international political landscape**

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

## Dinner at Hotel

**Current Issues Discussion**  
**Debate hot topics** with your new friends from across the country

## Social Time

# Tuesday

**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?

**National Politics Seminar**  
**Gain inside access and discuss current issues** with a DC lobbyist, journalist, or policymaker

## Lunch at National Place

**Capitol Hill Group Photo**  
**U.S. Marine Corps Memorial**  
Visit the larger than life representation of the **iconic flag-raising at Iwo Jima**

## Dinner at Pentagon City

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

## Social Time

# Wednesday

**Capitol Hill Dinner**  
Meet with your school and **Congress**

Attend and **Committee** laws and po

Explore the **Center and**

Lunch at the **hot spot for**

Visit the **Sup** many landm

Explore the **the largest l** and view the **architecture**

Witness the **House of Re** action in the

**Dinner at DC’ Station**

**Night on the** Spend the eve **illuminated m** memorials



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 their staff

observe **Congressional Hearings** to see how policies are formed

**U.S. Capitol Visitor Museum**

Longworth Cafeteria, a **Washington insiders**

**Supreme Court** where landmark cases are decided

**Library of Congress**, library in the world, the symbolic art and

**U.S. Senate and representatives** in the Galleries

**Historic Union**

**Town**  
 ening visiting the monuments and

## Thursday

**Community Action Workshop**  
 What actions can you take to contribute on a local and national level?

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

**Neighborhood Study Visit and Lunch**  
 Explore DC off the beaten path, e.g. Georgetown, Chinatown

**Pentagon 9/11 Memorial**  
 In what ways did the **events of 9/11 change America forever?**

**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

## Friday

**Depart for New York City**

**Lunch in Upper Westside Neighborhood**

**Metropolitan Museum of Art Study Visit**  
 Examine the influence of political advertising at one of the **worlds largest and finest art museums**

**Central Park Study Visit**  
 Explore landmarks such as **Strawberry Fields, Imagine Circle, and Belvedere Castle**

**High Line Study Visit**  
 Walk one of the city's hidden gems and **explore art sculptures, paintings, and exhibits** on the only elevated rail line transformed into a park

**Dinner in Times Square**  
 Enjoy **dinner under the bright lights** in this iconic New York destination

**Times Square Study Visit**  
 Visit Broadway - '**The Great White Way**' - in New York City's famous theater district

**Performance at a Broadway Theater**  
 See a show and experience first-hand why New York City is considered the **cultural capital of the nation**

## Saturday

**Ferry Ride from Battery Park to Ellis Island**

**Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Study Visit**  
 Learn more about this universal symbol of **freedom** and democracy

**Lunch in Financial District**

**9/11 Memorial and Financial District Study Visit**  
 Explore the **Museum of American Finance, Financial District, and 9/11 Memorial**

**Brooklyn Bridge Walk**  
 Take in the **breathtaking views** of the city from this **iconic bridge**

**Dinner in Little Italy**

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

## Sunday

**Sightsee in the Big Apple**  
 Prior to your departure, **spend time in the city** with your school

**Depart for Home**



**"CLOSE UP  
WAS THE BEST  
WEEK OF MY  
LIFE!"**

*Ann, Student, TX*



**"THIS PROGRAM HAS  
PROFOUNDLY  
AFFECTED HOW I  
TEACH IN MY  
CLASSROOM."**

*Pat, Teacher, FL*



"MY SON WAS SO  
EXCITED ABOUT  
EVERYTHING HE  
LEARNED ON  
CLOSE UP!"

Susan, Parent, MI

## The Close Up Experience

Close Up Washington is the nation's premier civic experience! Discover Washington, DC, and New York City by exploring the famous monuments, world-renowned museums, and hallowed institutions that define our past, impact our present, and inspire our future.

*Imagine gazing up at the Statue of Liberty as you travel to Ellis Island like millions of immigrants who came to America over a century ago. Envision that humbling moment when you read the Gettysburg Address in the chamber of the Lincoln Memorial for the first time. Picture yourself walking through the halls of Congress to meet with your elected officials to discuss the most pressing issues facing your community.*

Close Up programs give you these once-in-a-lifetime opportunities that will inspire and empower you to become an active participant in our democracy. Your experience will truly 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 and the Big Apple!

### You will:

- **Meet peers from around the country** and participate in discussions that expand and complement your worldview;
- **See DC beyond the marble** by visiting vibrant neighborhoods throughout the city and attending a cultural event;
- **Experience the excitement of Times Square** as you take in the neon lights and brilliant marquees, before enjoying a Broadway show;
- **Discuss events that have shaped our world** through visits to must-see sites, including Arlington National Cemetery and Ground Zero;
- **Debate and discuss issues with Washington insiders** giving you a behind-the-scenes look at how our government operates, and so much more!





## *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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