



CLOSE UP
WASHINGTON DC

WASHINGTON & WILLIAMSBURG 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 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 Washington 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

DC Cultural Event

See a performance at a renowned theater

Social Time

Thursday

Colonial Williamsburg Study Visit

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

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

Williamsburg Exploration

Discover **Williamsburg** with your school:

The College of William & Mary

George Wythe House

Gaol-The Colonial Jail

The Magazine

Dinner in Williamsburg

Transfer to Washington, DC

Social Time

Friday

Independent Day

Explore **Washington, DC**, with your school

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

Smithsonian Museums

Arlington National Cemetery

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

Saturday

Sightsee in Washington

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

Depart for Home

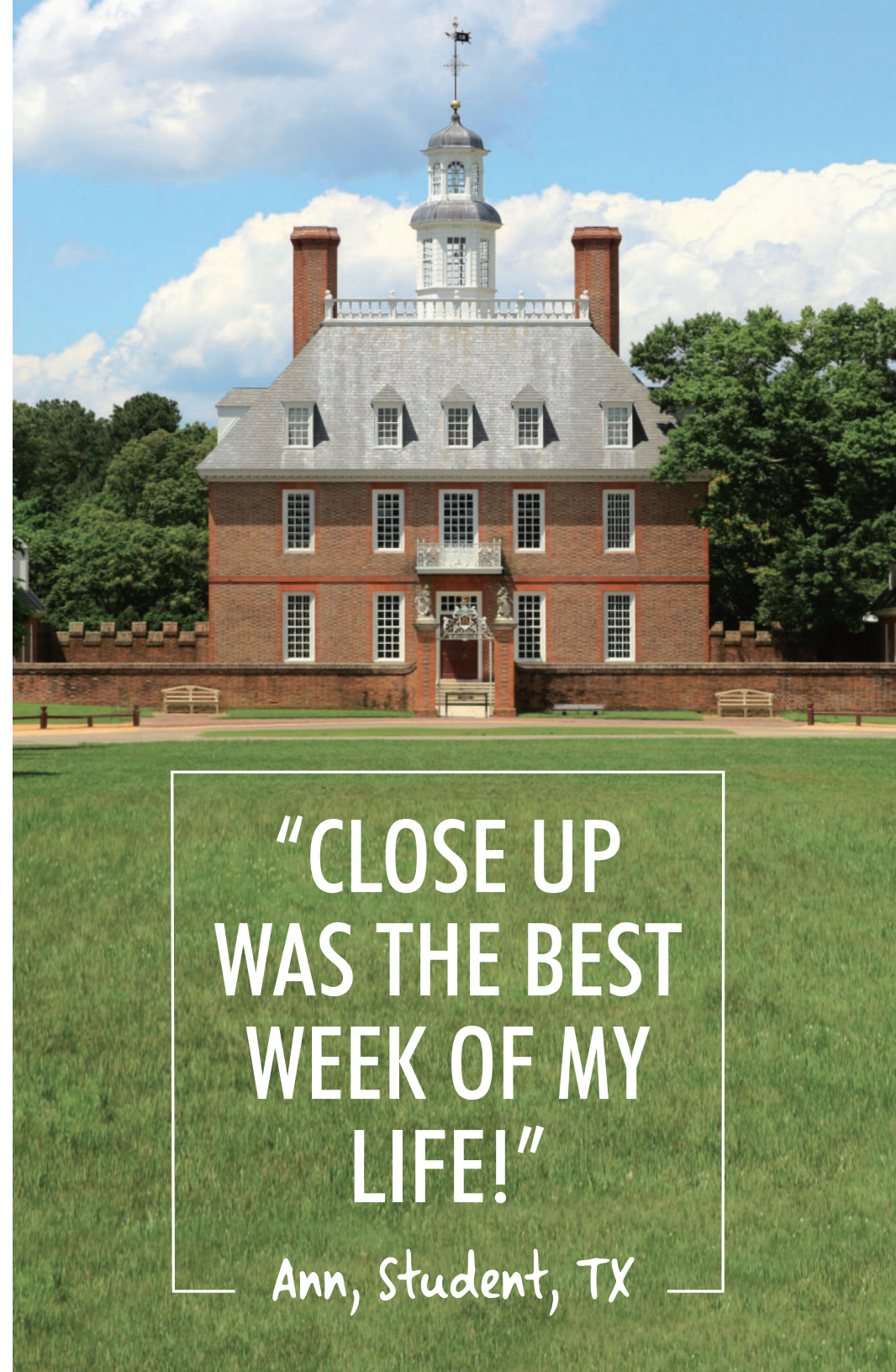
“ Close Up was one of the best experiences ever! I loved everything, and I will never forget this trip! ”

– Michelle, Student, CA



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

Pat, Teacher, FL



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

Ann, Student, TX



“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 Colonial Williamsburg by exploring the famous monuments, world-renowned museums, and hallowed institutions that define our past, impact our present, and inspire our future.

Imagine traveling through time as you walk through the streets of one of America's oldest cities. 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 Williamsburg!

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;
- **Explore the historic homes and gardens** in America's most well-preserved example of colonial government and culture;
- **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;
- **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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