



# CLOSE UP

WASHINGTON, DC NEW AMERICANS HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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WASHINGTON DC



# WASHINGTON



Close Up offers the most comprehensive **educational opportunity** in Washington, DC. Established in 1971, Close Up is the nation's leading nonprofit, civic education organization. With **45 years of experience** partnering with schools across the country, we provide **impactful, hands-on programs** for students that educate and inspire young people to participate in their government, become leaders in their communities, and gain a more thorough understanding of American history and government. More than **850,000 students and teachers** from around the world have participated in our experiential education programs in Washington, DC—and many more have experienced Close Up's balanced, comprehensive approach to **civic education** through our classroom resources and publications.

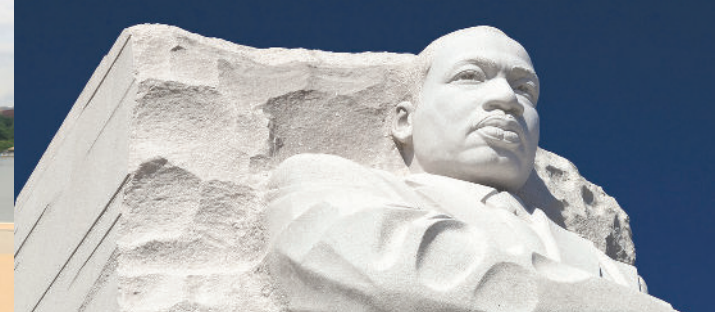


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*Close Up is one of the best things I have ever been a part of in high school. From meeting new people to seeing the memorials, I loved every second of it!*

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*—Sarah, Student, FL*



# 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 Instructor

## Introduction Workshop\*

What are the biggest issues that we face in our democracy today?

## Meet & Greet Social Activity

\* Workshops are small learning communities comprised of students from various states. Each workshop community is led by the same Close Up Instructor for the duration of the program.

\* 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.

# MONDAY

## Founding Documents Activity

Learn about our founding documents and the events and people that led to their creation

## National Archives Study Visit\*

Explore American history through our nation's Charters of Freedom:

### Declaration of Independence

### U.S. Constitution

### Bill of Rights

## Lunch at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center

## Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial

Discuss the New Deal and government responsibility

## Thomas Jefferson & George Mason Memorials

Learn about the people behind the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights

## U.S. Marine Corps Memorial

Visit the larger than life representation of the iconic flag-raising at Iwo Jima

## Dinner at Dave & Buster's

Enjoy state-of-the-art games and social time at this unique dining experience

# TUESDAY

## Evolution of Rights Workshop

What rights have citizens gained in our over 200 year history?

## Immigration Seminar

Speak with an expert on immigration policy

## Lunch at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum

## U.S. Capitol Visit and Orientation

Visit one of the most recognizable symbols of representative democracy in the world

## Group Photo

## College Visit

Explore a university in DC and learn about college life, e.g. George Washington University

## Pentagon 9/11 Memorial

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

## Dinner at Historic Union Station

## Mock Congress Workshop

Debate, amend, and vote on the same issues elected representatives are currently debating

## 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

## White House Study Visit and Photo Op

Walk through the President's neighborhood

Dinner at Hotel

## Mock Presidential Election

Discuss the role of the executive branch and elect a president

Social Time

# THURSDAY

## Community Action Workshop

What actions can you take to contribute on a local and national level?

## On-Site Study Visit

Hear from a community service or advocacy group to learn about public policy, e.g. Latin American Youth Center

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial

How can an ordinary citizen accomplish extraordinary things?

Lunch at National Palace

## War Memorials Study Visit

What do the WWII, Vietnam, and Korean Memorials say about those who have served and sacrificed?

## Lincoln Memorial

What does the imagery of the Lincoln Memorial say about Lincoln's legacy?

Dinner at Pentagon City

## Theatre

Take in a show at the George Washington Masonic Memorial—*An American Musical Landscape*

Social Time

# FRIDAY

## DC Exploration

Spend the day with your school. Popular sites include:

### Arlington National Cemetery

Visit our nation's most hallowed ground and witness the Changing of the Guard

### U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

Visit America's national institution that documents Holocaust history

Lunch at Smithsonian American History Museum

## 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 exploring the city

Depart for Home

*“ The Close Up program showed me how to speak up on my behalf,  
taught me how to make a difference in my community,  
and gave me a lot of insight on current issues. ”*

*Billie, Student, AZ*





# THE CLOSE UP EXPERIENCE

The Close Up experience is your once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to discover your unique role within American democracy. Using Washington, DC, as a living classroom, you will learn about our nation's exciting heritage. Our dedicated instructors will help you learn about the people and places that shaped our country's history through visits to DC's monuments, memorials, and world-renowned museums.

Close Up's New Americans High School Program is designed to help you understand that your voice matters by creating a sense of community with other students just like you! Through discussions about the current issues you are most passionate about, you will return home empowered and ready to make a difference in your own community.

We ensure 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. During our fast-paced, interactive programs with Close Up's highly-trained instructors, you'll participate in thrilling and unforgettable activities as you take in all that DC has to offer!

## You will:

- Meet **peers from around the country** and participate in an **exciting election activity** where you may be chosen as president for the week;
- Learn about **college life** and envision your future by touring a distinguished **university in the District**;
- Discuss the events that have impacted our lives by **exploring DC's must-see sites**, including a visit to the National Archives to see our nation's founding documents;
- Debate and discuss issues with **Washington insiders** giving you a behind-the-scenes look at **how our government operates**, and so much more!



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— Robin, Parent, TX



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### GET STARTED TODAY!

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

We're always here to help!

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