**CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM**

**Four Day - Washington, DC**

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**Saturday**

- **Arrive in Washington, DC**
  - Meet your Close Up Concierge and explore DC with your school
- **Lunch & 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?
- **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 outlined in the Founding Documents apply to our view of liberty today?
- **FDR Memorial**
  - What rights are needed to ensure equality and promote the welfare of citizens in the US?
- **U.S. Marine Corps Memorial**
  - Visit the larger than life representation of the iconic flag-raising at Iwo Jima
- **American Political Values Workshop**
  - Examine the connections between liberty, equality and justice
- **Dinner at Pentagon City Mall**
- **Issues Debate**
  - Ask your most challenging political questions and hear from a liberal and a conservative DC insider

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**Sunday**

- **Sustaining Democracy Workshop**
  - What citizen actions are necessary to foster and maintain a vibrant democracy?
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Study Visit**
  - How do we see MLK’s view of justice in the US today?
- **White House Study Visit**
  - Discuss the purpose of protests and what restrictions of protests are legitimate
- **Citizen Action Sites**
  - Get inspired by examples of citizens making a difference in their communities and the nation
- **Neighborhood Study Visit and Lunch**
  - Explore DC off the beaten path, e.g. U Street, Chinatown
- **U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Study Visit**
  - All You Can Eat Pizza Dinner
- **DC’s Signature Night Monument Tour**
  - See DC’s magical landscape at night including the U.S. Air Force and 9/11 Pentagon Memorials
- **Social Activity**

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**Monday**

- **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?
- **Lunch at National Place**
- **National Politics Seminar**
  - Gain inside access and discuss current issues with a DC lobbyist, journalist, or policymaker
- **Capitol Hill Group Photo**
- **Smithsonian Institution Exploration**
  - Discover the world-renowned museum of your choice on the National Mall
- **Dinner at DC’s Historic Union Station**
- **Mock Congress Workshop & Simulation**
  - Debate, amend, and vote on the same issues elected representatives are currently considering
- **Social Activity**

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**Tuesday**

- **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 a Hill 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
  - Depart for Home

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

- Michelle, Student, CA