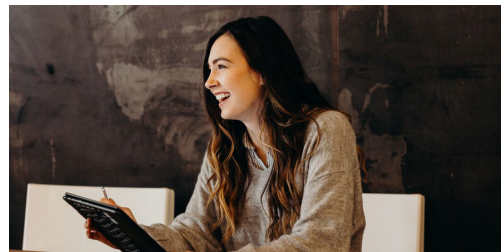


INAUGURATION 2021: DEFINING VISIONS FOR OUR FUTURE

VIRTUAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Historically, the inauguration has provided an opportunity for the incoming president to unite the country, to set an agenda, and to chart a new course for the incoming administration. This landmark event is also an important time for Americans to reflect on the nation's values and priorities, and to decide how they will engage to impact the national discourse. This virtual program, led by Close Up instructors, will help students identify their own policy priorities and consider the actions that young people can take to make their voices heard among friends, family, and decision-makers.

Middle & High School Program Sessions

Session 1: Inaugurations in Context (90 Minutes): As the nation inaugurates a new administration, students will engage with ideas and themes from previous inaugurations to understand the ways in which presidents have used the occasion to advance their visions and agendas. What values, policies, and goals should President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris prioritize in the inaugural address and first 100 days in office?

Date: Thursday, January 14, 7:00–8:30pm (EST) / 4:00–5:30pm (PST)

Special Student Opportunity - MLK Day (Optional): On the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service, how can students honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy, build on the unprecedented youth engagement in the 2020 election, and continue to influence the social and political issues that matter most to them? Students will hear from a panel of service organizations that are committed to making a long-term impact and consider the types of service projects that can help young people stay active and involved beyond MLK Day.

Date: Monday, January 18, 1:00–3:00pm (EST) / 10:00am–12:00pm (PST)

Session 2: Inauguration Watch Party & Student Reflection (2 Hours): Students from across the country will come together to watch the president elect take the oath of office. After watching the inaugural address, students will reflect on the speech, identify the major themes that the new president and vice president put forth, and consider how and whether those priorities match their own. Students will answer questions such as: What issues laid out in the speech would you like to see prioritized? What issues inspire you to get involved?

Date: Wednesday, January 20, *11:30am–1:30pm (EST) / 8:30–10:30am (PST) OR **7:00–9:00pm (EST) / 4:00–6:00pm (PST)
*Live viewing of Inauguration Ceremony. **Pre-recorded viewing of Inauguration Ceremony.

Session 3: Creating a Vision for the Future (90 Minutes): On the day after the inauguration, a panel of speakers will help students better understand the priorities put forth by President Biden and what to expect from a new administration and Congress in the first 100 days of leadership. Following the panel, students will reflect on what local and national priorities and issues are important to them, consider what changes they would like to bring about, and formulate a vision of themselves as empowered citizens who have the skills needed to make a difference.

Date: Thursday, January 21, 7:00–8:30pm (EST) / 4:00–5:30pm (PST)

Program Details

Program price: \$75 per student

Please email programsupport@closeup.org if you are interested in customizing dates or sessions for a class or grade level.

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