

# CLOSE UP PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM



**THURSDAY**

**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?

**Setting the Presidential Agenda**  
Students will **deliberate the top issues and priorities** of the president's party platform

**Social Time**

*Sample schedule subject to change.*

\* Workshops are small learning communities made up 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 instructors provide unique opportunities to learn using historic sites and institutions as living classrooms.

† Inaugural public events planned by the Presidential Inaugural Committee are not guaranteed and subject to availability.

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**FRIDAY**

**Exploring American Political Values Study Visit\*\***  
Where do **American political values** come from and what do they mean?

**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 equal opportunity for all citizens?

**MLK Memorial**—How do we see MLK's view of justice in the United States today?

**Group Photo at Jefferson**

**Lunch at Smithsonians**

**Presidential Issues Seminar**  
Take a deeper look at the **president's agenda**

**U.S. Marine Corps Memorial**

Visit the representation of the **iconic flag-raising at Iwo Jima**

**Dinner at Hotel**

**Mock Congress Workshop**  
**Debate, amend, and vote** on current issues



**SATURDAY**

**Capitol Hill Walking Workshop**  
Get a **first-hand look** at how the legislative branch works

**Lunch in Pentagon City**

**War Memorials Study Visit**  
What do the **WWII, Lincoln, Vietnam War Veterans, and Korean War Veterans Memorials** say about **those who have served and sacrificed?**

**Pre-Inauguration Events †**  
Get excited for the **presidential inauguration** with **thrilling festivities and celebrations!** Past events have included headliner concerts and fireworks on the National Mall.

**Dinner**

**American Political Values Workshop**  
Examine the connections between **liberty, equality, and justice**

**Social Time**



**SUNDAY**

**Arlington National Cemetery**  
Visit our nation's most hallowed ground and **witness the Changing of the Guard**

**Congressional Seminar**  
Examine **the goals of the new Congress** and discuss their impact on the future of our nation with a DC insider

**Neighborhood Study Visit and Lunch**  
Explore DC **off the beaten path**, e.g. U Street, Adams Morgan

**DC's Hidden Gems**  
Visit lesser-known sites that enrich DC's cultural history, such as **Lincoln Park** and the **African American Civil War Museum**

**Dinner**

**Current Issues in Public Policy Workshop**  
**Debate hot topics** with your new friends from across the country

**Social Time**



**MONDAY**

**ATTEND INAUGURATION DAY EVENTS WITH YOUR SCHOOL!**  
**Swearing-In of the President and Vice President**  
Watch history in the making as the president is sworn into office

**Inaugural Address**  
Be inspired as you listen to the president address the nation

**Inaugural Parade**  
See the president and vice president make their way down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House

**Lunch in the City**

**Dinner at Hotel**

**Inaugural Ball**  
Celebrate and dance the night away at this **impressive event with fun games, great food, and exclusive DJs!**



**TUESDAY**

**Spend the Day with Your School Exploring DC**

**Smithsonian Institution Museums**

**Chinatown and the National Portrait Gallery**

**U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum**

**Final Workshop**  
How will you **stay engaged** on issues that matter to you?

**Banquet and Dance**  
Enjoy a **fun-filled evening to top off this memorable week!**



**WEDNESDAY**

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

**Depart for Home**

**EXTEND YOUR STAY IN DC!**

Enhance your Close Up experience and spend an extra day in DC! Choose to visit Mount Vernon, George Washington's home in Virginia, or other iconic sites and exciting neighborhoods in the nation's capital with your school.

“  
My experience on Close Up has forever changed my life. I met so many different students from across the U.S. and learned how to take action in my community.  
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- Treanna, Student, Georgia