CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM - WASHINGTON, DC + NYC

**SUNDAY**

- **Arrive in Washington**
  - Meet your Close Up concierge and explore the city with your school
- **Welcome Dinner**
- **Program Orientation & Community Building**
  - Meet Close Up staff and review your purpose and goals for the week
- **Opening Workshop***
  - What are the biggest issues we face in our democracy today?
- **Facts & Fun: Ultimate Trivia Night**
  - Show off your knowledge of Washington with teammates from across the country

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.

CST-1002082-40: Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.

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**MONDAY**

- **American Political Values Study Visit**
  - How do the values of liberty, equality, and justice impact trends and ideas in the U.S. political system today?
- **Jefferson Memorial**
  - What is the significance of liberty in the Founding Documents?
- **FDR Memorial**
  - How did FDR influence the value of justice in the Civil Rights Movement?
- **Lunch at Reagan Building and International Trade Center**
- **Smithsonian Institution Exploration**
  - Visit one of the world-renowned museums to learn about history and culture
- **American Political Values Workshop**
  - Examine the connections between liberty, equality, and justice
- **Dinner at Hotel**
- **Current Issues Discussion**
  - Debate hot topics with new friends from across the nation

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**TUESDAY**

- **War Memorials Study Visit**
  - What do the WWII, Vietnam Veterans, and Korean War Veterans Memorials say about those who have served and sacrificed?
- **Lincoln Memorial**
  - How does the imagery of this memorial portray Lincoln’s legacy?
- **Capitol Hill Group Photo**
  - Lunch at L’Enfant Plaza
- **National Politics Seminar**
  - Gain inside access and explore the culture of Washington
- **Dinner at Longworth Cafeteria, a hot spot for Washington insiders**
- **Visit the Supreme Court**, where landmark cases are decided
- **View the symbolic art and architecture at the Library of Congress, the largest library in the world**
- **Witness the Senate and House of Representatives in action in the galleries**
- **Dinner at Pentagon City**
- **Mock Congress Workshop**
  - Debate, amend, and vote on the same issues elected representatives are currently considering
- **Washington Cultural Event**
  - See a show at a famous theater or experience a night on the town
- **Social Time**

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**WEDNESDAY**

- **Capitol Hill Day**
  - Walk the halls of Congress and get an exclusive, insider’s look at how our government operates
- **Meet with your members of Congress or their staff**
- **Attend congressional committee hearings**
  - to see how laws are formed
- **Explore the Capitol Visitor Center and Museum**
  - Have lunch at Longworth Cafeteria, a hot spot for Washington insiders
  - Visit the Supreme Court, where landmark cases are decided
  - View the symbolic art and architecture at the Library of Congress, the largest library in the world
  - Witness the Senate and House of Representatives in action in the galleries
  - Dinner at Union Station
  - Capitol Hill Day Group Photo
- **Lunch at L’Enfant Plaza**
- **Lincoln Memorial**
  - Visit our nation’s most hallowed ground and witness the Changing of the Guard
- **Arlington Cemetery**
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- **Closing Reflection**
  - How will you stay engaged on issues that matter to you?
- **Banquet and Dance**
  - Have a memorable, fun-filled evening with your new friends before returning home

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**THURSDAY**

- **White House Study Visit**
  - Discuss the role of the executive branch as you walk through the president’s neighborhood
- **Citizen Action Seminar**
  - Hear from an advocacy organization about how they are impacting the community
- **Neighborhood Study Visit**
  - Get off the beaten path in neighborhoods such as Dupont Circle and Chinatown
- **Air Force Memorial**
  - Honor those who have served in the Air Force and get a breathtaking view of the city
- **Arlington Cemetery**
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**FRIDAY**

- **Depart for New York City**
- **Lunch in Upper West Side Neighborhood**
- **Central Park Study Visit**
  - Explore landmarks such as Strawberry Fields, Imagine Circle, and Belvedere Castle
- **Metropolitan Museum of Art Study Visit**
  - Examine history through art at one of the world’s largest and finest art museums
- **Dinner in Times Square**
- **Enjoy dinner under the bright lights in the heart of the Big Apple**
- **Times Square Study Visit**
  - Visit Broadway – “The Great White Way”– in New York City’s famous Theater District
- **Performance at a Broadway Theater**
  - See a show and experience first-hand why New York City is considered the cultural capital of the nation

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**SATURDAY**

- **Depart for New York City**
- **Ferry Ride from Battery Park to Ellis Island**
- **Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island Study Visit**
  - Learn more about the universal symbol of freedom and democracy
- **Lunch and Study Visit in the Financial District**
- **9/11 Memorial Study Visit**
  - Reflect on the significance of this world-changing event
- **Brooklyn Bridge Walk**
  - Take in astonishing views of the city from this iconic bridge
- **Dinner in Little Italy**
- **Rockefeller Plaza**
  - See 360° views of New York City from the Top of the Rock
- **SUNDAY**
  - Sightsee in the Big Apple
  - Prior to your departure, spend time in the city with your school
- **Depart for Home**