

# CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM - WASHINGTON, D.C.



## Sunday

### Arrive in Washington

Meet your Close Up concierge and explore D.C. with your school

### Welcome Dinner\*

### Program Orientation & Community Building

Meet Close Up staff and review your 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.

\*Student tuition includes all meals beginning with dinner on arrival day and ending with breakfast on departure day.

\*\*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.



## Monday

### Citizen Action on the National Mall

How have citizens created change by making their voices heard?

### American Political Values Study Visit\*\*\*

How do the values of liberty, equality, and justice impact our political system?

- **Jefferson Memorial**—What is the significance of liberty in the founding documents?
- **FDR Memorial**—How did FDR and the New Deal define equality?
- **MLK Memorial**—How did MLK influence justice in the Civil Rights Movement?

### Lunch at Reagan Building and International Trade Center

**Smithsonian Institution**  
Learn about history and culture at one of the world-renowned museums

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

### Dinner

**Current Issues Discussion**  
Explore multiple perspectives on pressing issues with new friends from across the nation



## 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 discuss current issues with a Washington lobbyist, journalist, or policymaker

**Citizen Action Site**  
Get inspired by examples of citizens making a difference at home and nationwide

**U.S. Marine Corps Memorial**  
Visit the larger-than-life representation of the iconic flag-raising at Iwo Jima

### Dinner at Pentagon City

**Mock Congress Workshop**  
Debate, amend, and vote on the same issues elected representatives are currently considering



## 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 of 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

**Night on the Town**  
Take in a nighttime activity in the heart of the city

### Social Time



## 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 it is impacting the community

### Neighborhood Study Visit and Lunch

Get off the beaten path in neighborhoods such as Dupont Circle and Chinatown

**9/11 Pentagon Memorial**  
Visit the national memorial dedicated to the tragic events that occurred on September 11, 2001

### Arlington National Cemetery

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

### 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



## Friday

### Sightsee in Washington

Prior to your departure, spend some more time in the city with your school

### Depart for Home

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Close Up was the greatest experience of my life! I will never forget the amazing time and the wonderful people I met!

— Bailey  
Student  
Alaska

