

# CLOSE UP NEW AMERICANS HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM



## Sunday

**Arrive in Washington, D.C.**  
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?



## Monday

**Federal Government Structure Workshop**  
Gain an understanding of the foundations of U.S. government

**Thomas Jefferson & George Mason Memorials**  
Learn about the people behind the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights

**National Museum of Natural History and Lunch**  
Discover hands-on exhibits that capture the beauty and diversity of the natural world

**National Archives Study Visit\*\*\***  
Explore American history through our nation's most significant documents:

**Declaration of Independence**

**Constitution**

**Bill of Rights**

**Citizen Action on the National Mall**  
What citizen actions are necessary to foster and maintain a vibrant democracy?

**National Portrait Gallery**  
Learn about people who have shaped our society, from government to sports, art, and culture

**Dinner & Social Activity**



## Tuesday

**Bill of Rights Workshop**  
What rights have citizens gained in our 250-year history?

**College Admission Session**  
Get answers to your questions about the opportunities of higher education

**Capitol Hill Group Photo**

**Lunch in L'Enfant Plaza**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial**  
How did MLK influence the value of justice during the Civil Rights Movement?

**Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial**  
Should government take an active role in providing for people's basic needs?

**U.S. Marine Corps Memorial**  
Visit the larger-than-life representation honoring brave service members

**U.S. Air Force Memorial**  
Honor those who have served in the Air Force and get a breathtaking view of the city

**Dinner in 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

**White House Study Visit**  
Discuss the role of the executive branch as you walk through the president's neighborhood

**Dinner at Hotel**

**Presidential Election Large-Group Activity**  
Discuss the role of the executive branch and elect a president for your program



## Thursday

**Community Action Workshop**  
What actions can citizens take to make change?

**Election Reflection Activity**  
Discuss the results of the mock election and reflect on the motivations of real-world voters

**Immigration Policy Seminar**  
Go behind the scenes with a policy expert to discuss the issues driving the immigration debate

**Lunch at National Museum of American History**

**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 imagery of this memorial portray Lincoln's legacy?

**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**

**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.