CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM - WASHINGTON, DC

SUNDAY

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?

Issues Debate
Ask your most challenging political questions and engage with a **liberal and conservative DC insider**

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* *Workshops are small learning communities comprised 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.*

Sample schedule subject to change.

MONDAY

Three Faces of Democracy Study Visit *
How do the ideas championed by these **famous figures impact society**?

Jefferson Memorial—What about our government would Jefferson agree or disagree with today?

FDR Memorial—Should government take an active role in providing for people's basic needs?

MLK Memorial—How can an ordinary citizen accomplish extraordinary things?

Lunch at Reagan Building and International Trade Center

Smithsonian Institution Exploration
Visit one of the **world-renowned museums** to discover and learn about history and culture

Dinner at Hotel

Current Issues Discussion
Debate hot topics with your new friends from across the country

Social Time

TUESDAY

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

Lincoln Memorial
How does the **imagery of the Lincoln Memorial** portray his legacy?

National Politics Seminar
Gain inside access and discuss current issues with a DC lobbyist, journalist, or policymaker

Capitol Hill Group Photo

Lunch at National Place

Embassy Discovery
Step foot on "foreign soil" and discuss the international political landscape

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 and observe **Congressional Committee Hearings** to see how laws and policies are formed

Explore the **U.S. Capitol Visitor Center and Museum**

Lunch at the Longworth Cafeteria, a **hot spot for Washington insiders**

Visit the **Supreme Court** where many landmark cases are decided

Explore the **Library of Congress**, the largest library in the world, and view the symbolic art and architecture

Witness the **U.S. Senate and House of Representatives** in action in the galleries

Dinner at DC's Historic Union Station

DC Cultural Event
See a **show at a renowned theater**!

THURSDAY

Community Action Workshop
What actions can you take to **contribute on a local and national level**?

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

Neighborhood Study Visit and Lunch
Explore DC off the beaten path in places like **Georgetown or Chinatown**

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

Arlington 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
Enjoy a **fun-filled evening with your new friends** as you dance the night away

FRIDAY

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

EXTEND YOUR STAY!

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