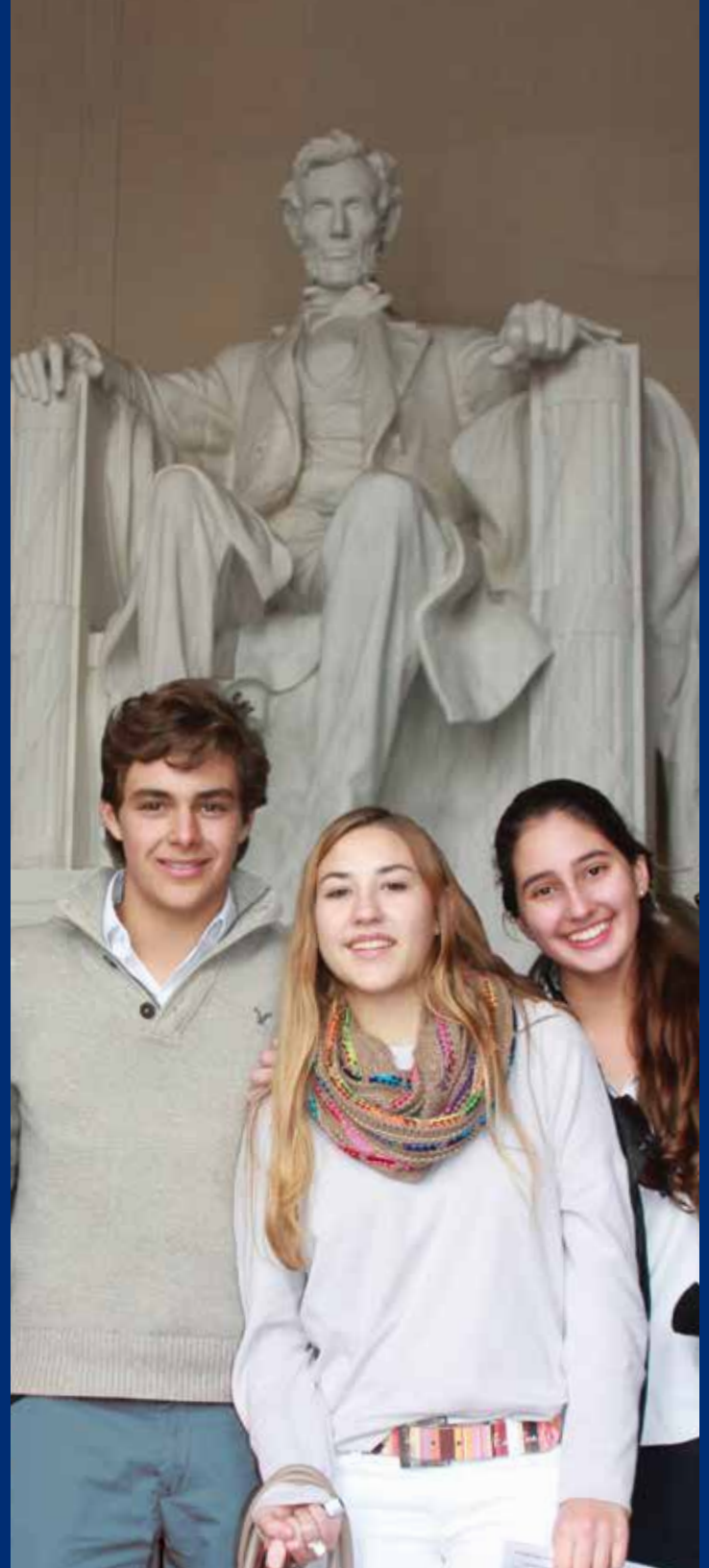


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**INFORM.**  
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**EMPOWER.**



HIGH SCHOOL WASHINGTON PROGRAMS





## WHY VISIT DC?

- All **THREE BRANCHES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT** are based in DC, the center of American politics.
- **ARLINGTON CEMETERY** is the largest burial ground in the U.S. and is home to President Kennedy's gravesite and the Tomb of the Unknowns.
- Five universities in DC – **AMERICAN, GEORGE WASHINGTON, GEORGETOWN, HOWARD, and GALLAUDET** – ranked in the top 100 best colleges by *US News and World Report*.
- DC hosts over **170 EMBASSIES** and international culture centers.
- The **SMITHSONIAN'S NATIONAL AIR & SPACE MUSEUM** in DC is the most popular museum in the world!
- The city is home to the **U.S. CONSTITUTION, the BILL OF RIGHTS, and the STAR-SPANGLED BANNER.**
- The world's largest library – **LIBRARY OF CONGRESS** – can be found in Washington.

**CLOSE UP WASHINGTON PROGRAMS ENDORSED BY**



*“Close Up is a **PHENOMENAL PROGRAM** that offers the **EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME** for all types of students!”*

- Bobbi, Teacher, MN

## WHY CLOSE UP DC?

- *Close Up's programs are a perfect mix of travel, learning, and fun!*
- INSTRUCTION:** We use trained Program Instructors, not contracted tour guides, to provide fun and rewarding experiences. Students learn valuable lessons that complement history and government classes while creating lasting memories.
- EXPERIENCE:** Since 1971, over 800,000 students and teachers have participated in our one-of-a-kind programs.
- IMPACT:** Our proven curriculum and teaching methods will educate and inspire your students. Our programs are aligned with each state's social studies standards and Common Core.
- TRAVEL:** We use major U.S. airlines, Amtrak or privately chartered motorcoaches for your travel.
- HOTELS:** We use national hotel chains such as Marriott, Sheraton, Hilton, and Holiday Inn. Our hotels are in safe and vibrant neighborhoods close to the Metro.
- MEALS:** Beginning with dinner on your arrival day, we provide students with three meals per day.
- LIABILITY:** We have a \$26,000,000 policy to protect you and your school. We provide secondary health insurance and specialized access to Georgetown Medical Center.
- SAFETY:** Your safety is our #1 priority – from the time you travel here until you arrive home. We provide full supervision including night monitors at each hotel.
- CUSTOMIZE:** Each year, we customize dozens of educational experiences for schools across the country. Our staff will work with you to develop a program that meets your educational needs.
- COLLEGE CREDIT:** Our dynamic curriculum allows you to take your educational experience even further. High school students can get a jump on the college admissions process by opting to pursue college credit from American University.



## OUR MISSION

*Established in 1971, Close Up is a non-profit that educates, inspires, and empowers young people to be effective participants in our democracy.*

Our participants come from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Puerto Rico, and numerous countries around the world. More than 94% of alumni say that Close Up helped them better understand their roles as citizens.

We work closely with teachers, administrators, parents, and students nationwide, as well as with long-standing partners and funders such as the U.S. Congress, the Department of Education, the Department of Interior, the Freedom Forum, C-SPAN, the Center on Congress, and Bank of America. We are also approved by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Additionally, we fulfill our mission through classroom teaching tools. The most notable of which is *Current Issues*, in its 38<sup>th</sup> edition, which is relied on by teachers nationwide to stimulate classroom debate on key policy issues. For over 35 years, we have also produced hundreds of TV shows on C-SPAN that feature Close Up students dialoguing with U.S. Presidents, lawmakers, and the media.





# CLOSE UP WASHINGTON SAMPLE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

## ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON

Meet your Close Up Concierge and explore DC with your school



## WELCOME DINNER

## GROUP ORIENTATION

Meet your peers from around the country with whom you will make lasting memories as you discuss and debate issues during the week

## INTRODUCTION WORKSHOP\*

Get to know your Program Instructor and prepare to engage in the issues that matter most to you



## ISSUES DEBATE

Ask your most challenging political questions and hear from a liberal and a conservative DC insider

MONDAY

## HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET

## THREE FACES OF DEMOCRACY STUDY VISIT\*

Examine and debate the proper size and power of government:

**JEFFERSON MEMORIAL**—Discuss Jeffersonian ideals

**FDR MEMORIAL**—The New Deal and government responsibility

**MLK MEMORIAL**—Civil rights and the citizen's role in shaping policy

## LUNCH ON THE NATIONAL MALL



## NATIONAL POLITICS SEMINAR\*

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

## WHITE HOUSE PHOTO-OP

## DINNER AT BUCA DI BEPPO

## HOT TOPICS

Gain insight on current policy concerns and controversies that matter most to you

## SOCIAL ACTIVITY

TUESDAY

## HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET

## WAR MEMORIALS STUDY VISIT

What do the **WWII, IWO JIMA, VIETNAM, AND KOREAN MEMORIALS** say about those who served and sacrificed?

## LINCOLN MEMORIAL STUDY VISIT

Examine Lincoln's legacy as he struggled to lead the nation through crisis

## U.S. CAPITOL VISIT AND ORIENTATION

**SMITHSONIAN AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM STUDY VISIT AND LUNCH**  
Explore their newest exhibit—'Drones, Wars and Video Games'

## EMBASSY DISCOVERY

Visit a foreign country and discuss the international political landscape



## DINNER AT PENTAGON CITY

## MOCK CONGRESS WORKSHOP

Debate, amend, and vote on the same issues elected representatives are currently debating

## SOCIAL ACTIVITY

WEDNESDAY

## HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET



## CAPITOL HILL DAY

## MEET WITH YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OR THEIR STAFFS

**ATTEND AND OBSERVE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE HEARINGS**

**EXPLORE THE U.S. CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER & MUSEUM**

**LUNCH AT THE HOUSE CAFETERIA**

**VISIT THE SUPREME COURT AND LIBRARY OF CONGRESS**

**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 performance at a renowned theater or cheer on the Washington Nationals baseball team!

THURSDAY

## HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET

## SUSTAINING DEMOCRACY WORKSHOP

Evaluate how citizens can contribute to a healthy democracy:

**ON-SITE STUDY VISIT**—Hear from a community service or advocacy organization and learn how to get involved in your community

**NEIGHBORHOOD STUDY VISIT AND LUNCH**—Explore one of DC's communities and get a look at life beyond the marble, e.g. Georgetown

**NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY AND AMERICAN ART MUSEUM**

## ARLINGTON CEMETERY

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

## PHOTOJOURNALISM EXHIBIT

Showcase your memories and highlights from your week



## BANQUET AND DANCE

Enjoy a fun-filled evening with your new friends

FRIDAY

## HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET

## DEPART FOR HOME



## EXTEND YOUR STAY

You can opt to include tickets to the **NEWSEUM** – DC's most interactive museum of news history – or a visit to **MT. VERNON** – George Washington's home in Virginia – to any of our extra day packages.

**“CLOSE UP was one of the best experiences ever! I loved everything and I will NEVER FORGET this trip!”**

– Michelle, Student, TX

\*Workshops and seminars help students make personal connections to the roles that they, as ordinary citizens, play in the U.S. democracy.

\*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.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

## WASHINGTON & WILLIAMSBURG

Visit one of America's most historic and beautiful cities. This program includes Close Up's Washington High School Program plus a full day exploring Colonial Williamsburg with Williamsburg's renowned historical interpreters!

## WASHINGTON & NEW YORK

See two of the world's most exciting destinations. Not only do you get to experience Close Up's High School Program, but you will add 2 days in New York City exploring the Big Apple and attending a Broadway show!

## CUSTOMIZE YOUR PROGRAM

Our curriculum experts are happy to design a program that is tailored to meet your school's needs and complement classroom learning. Customizing your program provides flexibility to vary dates, length, activities, and themes.

## ASIAN-PACIFIC PROGRAM

Visit beautiful Honolulu, Hawaii! Close Up's international relations program focuses on foreign policy decision-making and Asian-Pacific issues. Visit Pearl Harbor, Bishop Museum, Punchbowl Cemetery and attend a luau!

## SPECIAL FOCUS PROGRAMS

Join us during one of our popular Special Focus Programs such as:

- Election Week
- Equal Justice Under Law
- Service & Sacrifice
- U.S. in the Global Community
- Media — The Fourth Branch of Government





## TEACHERS

*Bring your classroom to life!*

At Close Up, we provide educational value and complement what you do in your classroom. Your students are not here to simply sightsee, and you are not here to simply chaperone. Our curriculum is aligned with Common Core and state standards for social studies, history, and civics. Our outstanding faculty of Program Instructors conduct fascinating workshops and discussions between students and their peers. We bring students face-to-face with the people and places that have shaped our nation and provide them with the opportunity to meet with their Congressional delegation on Capitol Hill Day. As a result, young people not only get to witness Washington, DC, close up, but they will return home inspired to play an informed and active role in your community.

While students explore DC with our instructors, you have the option of participating in our professional development program options led by our Teacher Program Specialists. The Teacher Program draws on the expertise of our many partner institutions, which provide outstanding speakers, resources, and simulations designed to give teachers like you your very own Close Up experience. You will return home with new insights on current issues and with tools to improve and enhance your lesson plans.

## PARTNERS

Smithsonian Institute • National Archives • American Red Cross • U.S. Federal Courts • American University • U.S. Department of Education • U.S. Department of Interior • Georgetown University Medical Center • The U.S. Congress Center on Congress • Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund • U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum • Center for the Constitution - We the People • National Congress of the American Indian • International Center for Nonviolent Conflict • National Museum of Crime & Punishment • White House Historical Association • National Indian Education Association • United South and Eastern Tribes • President Lincoln's Cottage • Embassies of Washington • First Amendment Center • Harper's Ferry Historic Park • Gettysburg National Battlefield • U.S. State Department • Library of Congress • Mt. Vernon • Newseum

## PARENTS

*Give your child a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!*

Close Up is a non-profit educational organization, which means we work hard to offer an incredible program at the best possible value. We know that where you put every penny counts. The Close Up program is an investment in your child's future and the future of our nation. Our program's sole purpose is to provide your child with the chance to experience our government in action and encourage them to return home and participate in their community.

*Our programs are a great value and our all-inclusive cost\* includes:*

- Three meals per day;
- Coach bus transportation around the city;
- Enriching educational materials;
- Top-notch instruction from trained educators;
- All logistics, planning, and travel arrangements;
- Quality hotel accommodations and a concierge;
- All entrances fees and gratuities, plus theater;
- Booking speakers and Congressional meetings;
- A dedicated Close Up Representative for your school;
- Group photo, certificate and Close Up souvenirs;
- Specialized access to Georgetown Medical Center; and
- 24-hour supervision, including night monitors at hotels.

All Close Up activities are designed with your student's safety in mind, and our unsurpassed record demonstrates that your child's safety and security is our top priority.

*\*You may elect to purchase your own travel arrangements separately from Close Up's travel package.*

## STUDENTS

*An unforgettable week in Washington, DC!*

Our program is like no other! You will learn more than you ever thought possible, achieve more than you ever thought you could, and have more fun than we could ever explain! We put you in the center of the action in one of the world's most exciting cities. During our fast-paced, interactive programs in the nation's capital, you will take part in thrilling, challenging, and unforgettable activities as you breathe in all that Washington has to offer. Close Up not only allows you to see your government, but to be part of your government. Students can even earn college credit from American University while participating on Close Up! Visit [www.CloseUp.org](http://www.CloseUp.org) for more information.

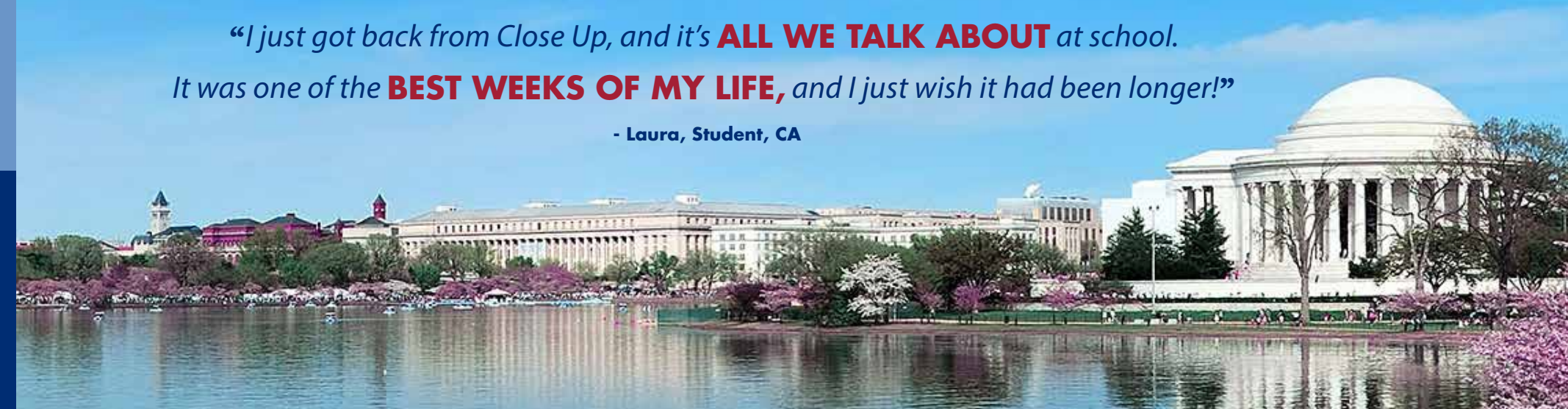
*You will...*

- See DC's famous monuments and memorials close up;
- Discuss current issues facing your community and country;
- Visit the world-renowned Smithsonian Museums;
- Make new friends from around the nation;
- Meet with your Congressional delegation and/or their staffs;
- Debate hot topics during our dynamic mock congress activity;
- Experience Embassy Row;
- Walk the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery;
- Talk with members of Congress, Washington insiders & journalists;
- Capture awe-inspiring views of DC's famous landmarks at night;
- Enjoy a cultural event, banquet, and dance;
- Discover DC's vibrant neighborhoods and so much more!

*"I just got back from Close Up, and it's **ALL WE TALK ABOUT** at school.*

*It was one of the **BEST WEEKS OF MY LIFE**, and I just wish it had been longer!"*

**- Laura, Student, CA**



## NEXT STEPS

- TEACHERS:** Contact your Close Up Representative at 800-CLOSE UP, or email us at [info@closeup.org](mailto:info@closeup.org), for more information on these exciting options and how to enroll your school.
- PARENTS:** To enroll your child in a Close Up program, simply contact your school's Close Up teacher. If your school does not have a Close Up teacher, just contact us or refer a teacher today.
- STUDENTS:** Talk to your Close Up teacher today and get your Close Up Participant ID and Password to enroll in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Whether you attend Close Up with your school or on your own, you will make lots of new friends as you live, learn and interact with other students from across the U.S. and the world.

Contact us at **800-256-7387**, [info@closeup.org](mailto:info@closeup.org), or visit us online at [www.CloseUp.org](http://www.CloseUp.org) for more information.



Each year, through our Washington, DC-based programs and our publications, Close Up helps more than one million students and teachers in 15,000 schools nationwide develop the skills needed to begin a lifetime of active citizenship. Please visit our website to learn more about Close Up and all of our experiential programs and resources including:

**CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS** — a fast-paced, fun-filled, and educational experience using DC as a living classroom to help middle school students explore the links between history and the rights and responsibilities of citizens today;

**CLOSE UP NEW AMERICANS PROGRAMS** — this unique program provides recently immigrated and migrant students with the knowledge and confidence they need to become informed and active citizens;

**CLOSE UP CUSTOM PROGRAMS** — design your very own program to complement your curriculum through hands-on explorations of Washington, DC; and

**CLOSE UP'S CURRENT ISSUES TEXTBOOK** — stimulate classroom discussions and debates about key policy issues the U.S. faces today!

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