

The Close Up trip through the
Genesee Valley BOCES Enrichment
Department is scheduled for
March 9-15, 2008
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Close Up Foundation

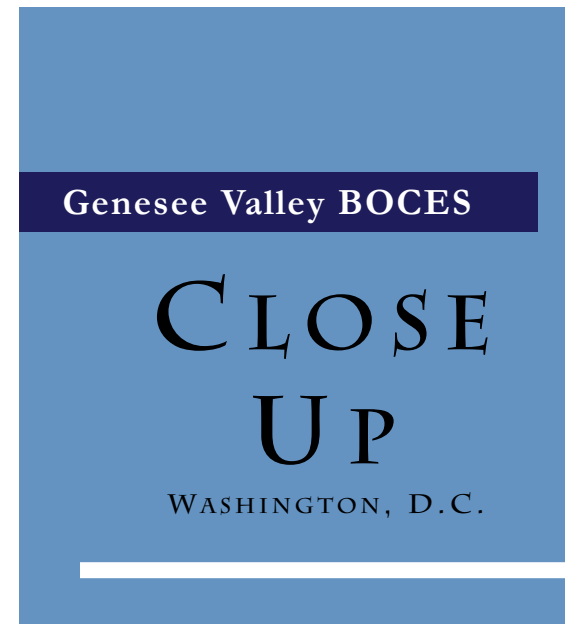
The Close Up Foundation has 40 years of civic education experience, distinctive methodology, and top-notch instructors to educate and inspire thousands of students to be informed and engaged citizens. Their programs provide 14 structured learning activities designed for diverse groups of students, including seminars, study-visits, and a day on Capitol Hill.

(Excerpt from the Close Up Teacher's Guide to High School Programs in Washington, D.C. 2007-2008)



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Close Up

By devoting a full week in Washington, D.C. to the study of America's government, high school students use this opportunity to view, analyze, evaluate and report on our federal government. During their stay, they visit the halls and committee rooms of government, meet the men and women who influence the course of America's history and find out first hand what's going on in America and the world, and how it affects their future.

The Close Up curriculum is structured around a series of carefully sequenced program activities that stress on-site, participatory learning. During the week students will take part in: seminars with key Washington personalities; daily briefings regarding upcoming seminar topics; visits to federal institutions and governmental agencies; workshops involving the Close Up staff and small groups of students; a Capitol Hill Day; independent activity time to permit students to visit the various sites; and daily social/entertainment activities.



The Close Up foundation has been working with high school students since 1971. It is nonprofit and nonpartisan. BOCES plans, organizes and coordinates the administrative aspects of this program including travel schedules, payments and registration.

Educational Value

Program

- Use DC as learning lab to study democracy
- Reflect state learning standards for social studies & history
- Teach key skills and motivate positive attitudes for immediate civic engagement
- Draw on classic questions of democracy
- Teach students how to make informed decisions
- Enable students to earn college credit from top schools
- Offers payment plans & financial aid

Methodology

- Appeals to all students in grades 9-12
- Leverages hot topics to make democracy resonate with youth
- Brings 40 years experience in civic education
- Is driven by peer-to-peer learning
- Incorporates role plays and simulations into 14 structured learning activities

People

- Faculty led by Dr. Jo-Ann Amadeo, civic education specialist
- Curriculum experts who know how to engage youth
- Instructors receive extensive classroom & field training.

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New to Close Up this year is
Close Up at the Newseum.

Students can be nominated to take part in a TV show that is featured on C-SPAN. Participating students debate on-camera with various DC insiders.

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For more information on this new activity please go to www.closeup.org or call
800-CLOSE UP.

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