

# Hubbard: Close Up 2016-2017

**What is Close Up?** Close Up (The Organization) Since 1971, Close Up has partnered with educators from around the country to inform, inspire, and empower students through interactive civic education programs in Washington, DC. Close Up is the perfect complement to American Government and U.S. History classes, as we bring students face to face with the people and places that shape our nation.

In just six days on Close Up's Washington High School Program, 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! During our fast-paced, interactive programs in the nation's capital, you will take part in exciting, challenging, and unforgettable activities as you breathe in all that Washington has to offer. From visits to the famous sites of Washington to meetings with government officials, Close Up not only allows you to see your government, but to experience your government.

**Your Trip:** Our programs are like no other. We give you the perfect combination of learning and fun and we do it by putting you in the center of one of the world's most exciting cities!

**Your Days:** Your days will be filled with countless learning opportunities as our one-of-a-kind program takes you to Washington's famous monuments and memorials. We give you a front row seat to democracy in action in the halls of Congress, as well as in meetings with Washington insiders and media. It is all designed to help you make a personal connection to your role as a citizen and the issues that churn debate in Washington, DC.

**Your Nights:** Each night, you and your team will take part in activities, discussions, and debates to reinforce what you learned and experienced that day. You will also enjoy nightly socials and our Thursday night banquet and dance, which will give you a chance to laugh and relax with your friends from your school and from schools around the country.

**Your Friends:** 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 United States and the world. While Washington, DC, and Close Up have so much to offer, the highlight of the week for many students is the chance to make new friends and share ideas with students from all walks of life.

## From Ms. Orlando

This program is amazing. 95% of the meals (except for the breakfast before we leave Chicago and the dinner before we leave DC), ALL TRANSPORTATION (within DC and the airfare to DC), and admission to any event/site is covered in the cost.

**COST AND FUNDRAISING:** The cost for each student is roughly \$1,700. We have a \$2600 credit from previous year's fundraising. I am asking that each student contributes \$700 by January 5, 2016 so that we can anticipate how much more we may need to fundraise.

Links for fundraising and our GoFundMe can be found at [msorlando.weebly.com](http://msorlando.weebly.com)

We are setting a fundraising goal for each student to raise \$300-400. I will be posting and sending a donation letter that students can use to approach businesses in the Hubbard area and ask for support.

The students in our program have come up with fundraising ideas on their own, and will have the invaluable experiences of going to local businesses to set up fundraising nights. This is student-run and we are looking forward to several nights of fundraisers.

**Program Dates:** May 21-May 25 (depending on flight information TBD)

Please email me with questions or concerns at [ekorlando@cps.edu](mailto:ekorlando@cps.edu)

Ms. Orlando