



CLOSE UP
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The Close Up Foundation is non-profit, non-partisan organization that has a proven track record of providing high quality programs and resources to build a new generation of informed and engaged citizens. Since 1971, Close Up has served more than 900,000 students and teachers from across the country. Close Up programs, professional development for educators, and classroom resources provide opportunities to help young people increase political efficacy, knowledge about historical and current issues, and develop the skills to carry out civic-related activities.

Close Up's transformative, Washington-based programs offer intense, inspiring, and skill-building experiences that give students the opportunity to discuss and debate current issues with peers, interact with key policy and media experts,

and participate in legislative simulations. Each year, more than 20,000 students and teachers from across the country participate in these programs.

Meeting with Members of Congress is a critical component of the Washington-based programs and Close Up facilitates more than 1,100 meetings with Members of Congress and staff. These meetings provide an important opportunity for young people to engage directly with elected officials and ask questions about the important policy issues that impact their communities.

For more information about Close Up please visit:
www.closeup.org.





21,000

**STUDENTS &
TEACHERS**

CLOSE UP ALUMNI IN CONGRESS

Many Close Up alumni return to D.C. for school, internships, and work on the Hill. We are especially proud to have the following Members of Congress who are Close Up alumni.

Sen. Patrick Toomey (R-PA)
Sen. James Lankford (R-OK)
Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT)
Rep. David Cicilline (D-RI)

Rep. Patrick McHenry (R-NC)
Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA)
Rep. Ann Wagner (R-MO)
Rep. Steve Horsford (D-NV)

Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-SD)
Rep. Lizzie Pannill-Fletcher (D-TX)
Rep. Bryan Steil (R-WI)
Rep. Michael San Nicolas (D-GU)

Former Members Include:

Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-LA)
Sen. David Vitter (R-LA)

Rep. Joe Garcia (D-FL)
Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R-FL)

Rep. Betty Sutton (D-OH)
Rep. Tim Walz (D-MN)



Rep. Justin Amash (R-MI)

“Close Up Foundation does fantastic work connecting students with their members of Congress, and I’m honored to be a regular participant in their program. The students from Michigan’s Third District always impress me with their insights and questions, and I enjoy the engaging conversations we have.”

2017-18 CONGRESSIONAL MEETINGS

Close Up has a long history of bi-partisan support from Congress. Below are the Members and congressional offices who met with Close Up students and teachers during the 2017-18 program year.

SENATE MEMBERS

Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK)
Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
Sen. Luther Strange (R-AL)
Sen. Doug Jones (D-AL)
Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)
Sen. John Boozman (R-AR)
Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR)
Sen. Jeff Flake (R-AZ)
Sen. John McCain (R-AZ)
Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)
Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA)
Sen. Cory Gardner (R-CO)
Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO)
Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT)
Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)
Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE)
Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE)
Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL)
Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)
Sen. David Perdue (R-GA)
Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-GA)
Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI)
Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI)
Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA)
Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA)
Sen. Jim Risch (R-ID)
Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID)
Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL)
Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)
Sen. Todd Young (R-IN)
Sen. Joe Donnelly (D-IN)
Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS)
Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS)
Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY)
Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)
Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA)
Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA)
Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)
Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD)

Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)
Sen. Angus King (I-ME)
Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME)
Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)
Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI)
Sen. Al Franken (D-MN)
Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)
Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)
Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO)
Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)
Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)
Sen. Thad Cochran (R-MS)
Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT)
Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT)
Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC)
Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC)
Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)
Sen. John Hoeven (R-ND)
Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE)
Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE)
Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)
Sen. Margaret Hassan (D-NH)
Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ)
Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM)
Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM)
Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)
Sen. Dean Heller (R-NV)
Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY)
Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)
Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)
Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
Sen. James Lankford (R-OK)
Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-OK)
Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)
Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)
Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA)
Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI)
Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)
Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC)
Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC)

Sen. John Thune (R-SD)
Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD)
Sen. Bob Corker (R-TN)
Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)
Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX)
Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT)
Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT)
Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA)
Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT)
Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT)
Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA)
Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)
Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI)
Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)
Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV)
Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)
Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)
Sen. Mike Enzi (R-WY)

HOUSE MEMBERS

Rep. Don Young (R-AK)
Rep. Bradley Byrne (R-AL)
Rep. Mike Rogers (R-AL)
Rep. Gary Palmer (R-AL)
Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AR)
Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR)
Rep. Aumua Amata Radewagen (R-AS)
Rep. Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ)
Rep. Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ)
Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ)
Rep. Andy Biggs (R-AZ)
Rep. David Schweikert (R-AZ)
Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ)
Rep. Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ)
Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA)
Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA)
Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA)
Rep. Paul Cook (R-CA)
Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA)
Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)
Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA)
Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA)
Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA)
Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA)
Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA)
Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA)
Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA)
Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)
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Rep. Devin Nunes (R-CA)
Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)
Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA)
Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA)
Rep. Tony Cárdenas (D-CA)
Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA)
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Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA)
Rep. Karen Bass (D-CA)
Rep. Linda Sánchez (D-CA)
Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)
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Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA)
Rep. Juan Vargas (D-CA)
Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA)
Rep. Susan Davis (D-CA)
Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO)
Rep. Jared Polis (D-CO)
Rep. Ken Buck (R-CO)
Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO)
Rep. Mike Coffman (R-CO)
Rep. John Larson (D-CT)
Rep. Elizabeth Esty (D-CT)
Rep. Eleanor Norton (D-DC)
Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL)
Rep. John Rutherford (R-FL)
Rep. Darren Soto (D-FL)
Rep. Val Demings (D-FL)
Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL)
Rep. Kathy Castor (D-FL)
Rep. Francis Rooney (R-FL)
Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL)

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 Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R-FL) Rep. Justin Amash (R-MI) Rep. José Serrano (D-NY) Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-TX)
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 Rep. Peter Roskam (R-IL) Rep. Richard Nolan (D-MN) Rep. Kurt Schrader (D-OR) Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA)
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 Rep. Clay Higgins (R-LA) Rep. Albio Sires (D-NJ) Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX)
 Rep. Mike Johnson (R-LA) Rep. Stevan Pearce (R-NM) Rep. Vicente Gonzalez (D-TX)
 Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA) Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV) Rep. Bill Flores (R-TX)
 Rep. Niki Tsongas (D-MA) Rep. Jacky Rosen (D-NV) Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX)
 Rep. Joseph Kennedy (D-MA) Rep. Ruben Kihuen (D-NV) Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-TX)

As a former school teacher, I am a witness to the great value of the Close Up Foundation.

- Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT), Close Up Alum

A photograph of Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR) sitting at a dark wooden conference table, engaged in conversation with a group of young people. He is wearing a grey suit and a blue tie. The students are also seated around the table, some looking towards him. In the background, there is a wall with a grid of small portraits.

Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR)

“In a democracy like ours, it’s critical for young Americans to get a close-up look at our government, and to understand that our nation’s governance is a hands-on process that every American has a right and responsibility to be involved in...”

A red banner with white text and large quotation marks on either side.

Close Up students arrive at the Capitol energetic, engaged, prepared and inquisitive regardless of which city or town they call home...

Rep. Joe Kennedy III (D-MA)

A group photograph of Representative Bill Huizenga (R-MI) standing in the center of a group of about 15 young people. He is wearing a grey suit, a white shirt, and a red tie. The students are dressed in business-casual attire and are smiling for the camera. They are standing in a room with framed artwork on the wall.

Rep. Bill Huizenga (R-MI)

“I make it a priority to meet with West Michigan students visiting the nation’s capital especially those with Close Up. The Close Up program provides an invaluable educational experience by helping students engage with their elected officials and observe the legislative process first hand. I believe the Close Up program has a lasting impact on the students who participate and inspires many to become actively involved in their government.”



Senator Tina Smith (D-MN)

“Meeting with Minnesota students visiting our nation’s Capitol with Close Up always leaves me inspired. It’s a chance to hear about what they’re doing through the program in Washington, the issues that are on the top of their minds, and their ideas about how we can create change and improve lives together.”



Close Up provides a valuable public service by helping young people of all backgrounds understand the rights that are given to every American...

Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT), Close Up Alum



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