



HORATIO ALGER ASSOCIATION

# AMERICAN ENTERPRISE SUMMIT

IGNITING *the* AMERICAN DREAM  
for MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS



WASHINGTON, D.C.  
JULY 8–11, 2024

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WASHINGTON DC



**I**n partnership with the Close Up Foundation, the [Horatio Alger Association's American Enterprise Summit](#) for Middle School Students is an opportunity for rising eighth-grade students. This is a fully funded program in which students and teachers travel to Washington, gather with their peers from across the country, and learn about the power and promise of the American Dream. Teachers can nominate 10 students from their school to participate in the program.

#### Throughout the program, students will:

- Gain awareness of the opportunities available through democracy and the free-enterprise system.
- Highlight the importance of the pursuit of the American Dream, focusing on freedom, equality of opportunity, and mutual respect.
- Participate in study visits in the nation's capital, including memorials, museums, and Capitol Hill.
- Learn about how our nation was formed and the importance of democracy.
- Engage with a diverse set of viewpoints and foster meaningful dialogue to promote understanding.

#### INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM

- Airline tickets and tuition costs (covered by the Horatio Alger Association and booked by Close Up)
- Coach bus transportation to and from all activities in Washington, including airport transfers
- Daily meals and quality hotel accommodations (two students per room)
- Academic program materials, including a student guidebook
- 24/7 supervision, including instructional staff and night monitors
- Medical access to Georgetown University Pediatric Hospital

#### REQUIREMENTS

- Teachers will nominate 10 students from their school to participate in the program.
- Each school will send 10 students and one chaperone, who must travel to Washington together.
- Students must be rising eighth graders and complete the program application form.
- Students, parents, and teachers must attend a pre-program meeting.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**List of Nominated Students Due:** April 19, 2024  
**Student Application Deadline:** May 10, 2024  
**Washington Program Dates:** July 8-11, 2024

#### ABOUT CLOSE UP

Close Up is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, civic education organization that informs, inspires, and empowers young people to become active citizens. Since 1971, Close Up has partnered with school districts nationwide to serve more than one million students and educators through experiential learning programs in our nation's capital and in local communities, professional development, and curriculum design and consulting. The organization's goal is to connect what students learn in class to the real world around them, help them articulate their own views and listen to those of others, and engage with people of different backgrounds with tolerance and understanding. For more information visit [www.closeup.org](http://www.closeup.org).

#### ABOUT HORATIO ALGER ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1947, the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc., is dedicated to the simple but powerful belief that hard work, honesty, and determination can conquer all obstacles. The Association honors the achievements of outstanding leaders who have accomplished remarkable successes in spite of adversity by bestowing upon them the Horatio Alger Award and inducting them as lifetime Members. Horatio Alger Members support promising young people with the resources and confidence needed to overcome adversity in pursuit of their dreams through higher education. Through the generosity of its Members and supporters, the Association annually awards more than \$18 million in undergraduate and graduate need-based scholarships to 1,800 students and provides comprehensive academic, personal, and professional support services to its Scholars. For more information visit [www.horatioalger.org](http://www.horatioalger.org).

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# SCHEDULE

## DAY 1: MONDAY, JULY 8

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- **Arrivals & Program Registration** Throughout the Day
- **Guided Visits for Early Arrivals:** National Air and Space Museum, National Museum of the American Indian.
- **Dinner and Program Orientation**
- **Welcome and Keynote:** History and Hope, a conversation with Dr. Bob Brown.
- **Topic #1 – American Dream Workshop:** The evolution of the American Dream and the importance of education.
- **Room Check**
- **Teacher Reception**

## DAY 2: TUESDAY, JULY 9

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- **Breakfast**
- **Topic #2 – Free-Enterprise Workshop:** What is the free-enterprise system? Why is it important to human progress?
- **Lunch and Guided Visit at the National Museum of American History:** “Giving in America” and “American Enterprise” exhibits.
- **Jefferson Memorial & Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Visits:** Reflections on the American Dream.
- **Seminar:** A conversation with Ms. Linda Rabbitt: Success & Giving Back
- **Dinner and Evening Social Activity**
- **Room Check**

## DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

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- **Breakfast**
- **Special Presentation by Oceanographer Dr. Bob Ballard.**
- **Topic #3 – Democracy Workshop:** Democracy and the American Dream. How does our government work?
- **Capitol Hill Visit**
  - Explore the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center and Museum.
  - Witness the House of Representatives and Senate in action in the Galleries.
  - Library of Congress.
- **Lunch on Capitol Hill**
- **National Archives Visit:** Exploring the founding principles and values of America.
- **Lincoln and War Memorials Visit:** Reflecting on perseverance and integrity.
- **Dinner – Carmine’s**
- **Room Check**

## DAY 4: THURSDAY, JULY 11

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- **Breakfast**
- **Topic #4 – Reflecting and Looking Ahead:** What did I learn? What lessons will I take back and share?
- **Departures Begin**
- **Lunch & Guided Visits for Late Departures:** National Museum of Natural History, National Gallery of Art.

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