

### **Close-Up Washington Trip 2015**

**Lead Teacher:** Andrew Mahoney, Social Studies Department, AP U.S. Government and Politics Teacher.

**Trip Description:** Students in my AP United States Government and Politics class will be travelling to Washington D.C. from October 17<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> to take part in *Close-Up Washington*, a program which has been serving schools across the country since 1971.

**Trip Objectives:** As a teacher I believe it is vital to make real world connections with the curriculum. Travelling to Washington D.C. is the perfect opportunity for my Advance Placement students to connect with the course. During the trip they will discuss pertinent political issues with citizens from around the country while visiting with members of Congress and other government institutions. The trip is not just a tour of D.C., it is a program designed to encourage active citizenship and make connections with United States Government. Before I present at the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, please feel free to visit [www.CloseUp.org](http://www.CloseUp.org) to learn more about the trip.

**Dates of the Trip:** Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup>. Students will arrive on Saturday morning on a flight from Boston. They will return on Tuesday evening and will miss two days of school.

#### **Cost of the Trip:**

Program Tuition: \$435

Room, board, and transportation: \$529

Safety and Security: \$80

Flight: \$298

Total Cost per student: \$1342

#### **Number of Students/Pre-Trip Planning:**

There are currently 14 students that have made early commitments to the trip. I will be meeting with parents on June 10<sup>th</sup> to go over the trip and sent a letter and an email home to brief them on the cost and objectives. A final meeting will be held in September when the final payment for the trip is due.

#### **Supervision:**

I will be chaperoning the trip with another teacher from the high school. In addition, the program provides 24-hour supervision from qualified teachers and staff.

#### **Further Questions:**

If you have any further questions please feel free to email me at [amahoney@hanoverschools.org](mailto:amahoney@hanoverschools.org). Thank you for your time, I look forward to presenting the program on June 17<sup>th</sup>.