

Kiita Learning Community Student Council  
Barrow, AK 99723  
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To City of Utqiagvik:

The Kiita Learning Community Student Council has been fundraising to attend the CLOSE-UP Program in Washington DC and New York. This program is designed as a once-in-a-lifetime experience that inspire and empowers students to become active participates in democracy. Students will learn about issues facing democracy, engage in discussion, visit monuments, tour Washington, meet with legislators, and discover New York. BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Students have worked hard to volunteer in the community, create fundraisers, and set goals for raising money towards this important trip. Our students decided to send 8 students and 1 teacher with the total cost reaching over \$42,000, with fundraising and the roll-over of last year's funds we currently have \$14,000 and many fundraising plans.

Our dates of travel March 15 to April 1 and need to have our payment completed by December 1<sup>st</sup>. We are requesting that your organization assist the Kiita student council with donations to ensure we can reach our goal of getting to Washington DC.

Cost Break-Down	Per Student/Teacher	Total Cost
Close-up cost with partial transportation	\$3,529	\$31,761
Transportation (BRW/ANC)	\$500	\$4,500
Hotel (ANC)	\$200	\$1,800
Per Diem	\$500	\$4,500
TOTAL	\$4,729	\$42,561

We ask that your organization donate \$10,000 pay for 2 students cost for this program.

Whatever your decision, please accept my sincere thanks for your time and consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



Kiita Learning Community Student Council

Enclosure

# CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM - WASHINGTON, DC + NYC



**Arrive in Washington**  
Meet your Close Up concierge and explore DC with your school

## Welcome Dinner

**Group Orientation**  
Meet students from across the country and meet to know your Close Up program instructor

**Introduction Workshop\***  
What are the biggest issues that we face in our democracy today?

**Issues Debate**  
Ask your most challenging political questions and engage with a liberal and conservative DC insider

*Workshops are small learning communities made up of students from various states. Each workshop community is led by the same Close Up program instructor for the duration of the trip.*

*\* Study visits led by highly trained instructors provide unique opportunities to learn using historic sites and institutions as living classrooms.*

*ample schedule subject to change.*

## American Political Values Study Visit \*\*

How do the values of **liberty, equality, and justice** impact trends and ideas in the U.S. political system today?

**Jefferson Memorial**—What is the significance of liberty in the Founding Documents?

**FDR Memorial**—How was equality defined by FDR and his New Deal?

**MLK Memorial**—How did MLK influence the value of justice during the Civil Rights Movement?

**Lunch at Reagan Building and International Trade Center**

**Smithsonian Institution Exploration**  
Visit a **world-renowned museums** to learn about history and culture

**American Political Values Workshop**  
Examine connections between **liberty, equality, and justice**

**Dinner at Hotel**

**Current Issues Discussion**  
Debate **hot topics** with friends from across the U.S.

## War Memorials Study Visit

What do the **WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War Memorials** say about those who have served and sacrificed?

**Lincoln Memorial**  
How does the **imagery of this memorial** portray his legacy?

**National Politics Seminar**  
Gain **inside access and discuss current issues** with a DC lobbyist, journalist, or policymaker

**Capitol Hill Group Photo**  
**Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza**

**Citizen Action Site**  
Get inspired by examples of **citizens making a difference** in their communities and the nation

**U.S. Marine Corps Memorial**  
Visit the larger-than-life representation of the **iconic flag-raising at Iwo Jima**

**Dinner at Pentagon City**

**Mock Congress Workshop**  
Debate, amend, and vote on the same issues elected representatives are currently considering

## Capitol Hill Day

Meet with your **members of Congress** or their staff

Observe congressional **committee hearings** to see how laws are formed

Explore the U.S. **Capitol Visitor Center** and Museum

**Lunch at Longworth Cafeteria**

Visit the **Supreme Court**, where landmark cases are decided

Explore the **Library of Congress** and view the symbolic art and architecture

Witness the House of Representatives and Senate in action in the **Galleries**

**Dinner at DC's Union Station**

**DC Cultural Event**  
See a **show at a renowned theater** or enjoy a **night on the town**

**Social Time**

## White House Photo Op

Discuss the role of the **executive branch** as you walk through the president's neighborhood

**Citizen Action Seminar**  
Hear from an **advocacy organization** about how they are impacting the community

**Neighborhood Study Visit and Lunch**  
Discover DC off the beaten path in places like **Dupont Circle** or **Chinatown**

**Air Force Memorial**  
Honor those who have served in the Air Force and get a breathtaking view of the city

**Arlington Cemetery**  
Visit our nation's most hallowed ground and witness the **Changing of the Guard**

**Closing Reflection**  
How will you **stay engaged** on issues that matter to you?

**Banquet and Dance**  
Enjoy a **fun-filled evening** with your new friends as you dance the night away

**Depart for New York City**  
**Lunch in Upper West Side Neighborhood**

**Central Park Study Visit**  
Explore landmarks such as **Strawberry Fields, Imagine Circle, and Belvedere Castle**

**Metropolitan Museum of Art Study Visit**  
Examine history through art at one of the **world's largest and finest art museums**

**Dinner in Times Square**  
Enjoy dinner under the **bright lights** in the heart of the Big Apple

**Times Square Study Visit**  
Visit Broadway – "**The Great White Way**" – in **New York City's famous Theater District**

**Performance at a Broadway Theater**  
See a show and experience first-hand why New York City is considered the **cultural capital of the nation**

**Ferry Ride from Battery Park to Ellis Island**

**Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Study Visit**  
Learn more about the **universal symbol of freedom and democracy**

**Lunch and Study Visit in the Financial District**

**9/11 Memorial Study Visit**  
Reflect on the significance of this **world changing event**

**Brooklyn Bridge Walk**  
Take in **astonishing view** of the city from this **iconic bridge**

**Dinner in Little Italy**

**Rockefeller Plaza**  
See **360° views** of New York City from the **Top of the Rock**

## SUNDAY

**Sightsee in the Big Apple**  
Prior to your departure, spend time in the city with your school

**Depart for Home**

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