

Five Benjamin Franklin High School students and their sponsor, Mr. John Parauka, participated in the Close-Up Foundation Study Visit in Washington, D.C. January 10-15, 2010. The students met with Senator Landrieu, Representative Scalise and Representative Cao and were able to ask questions concerning current legislation, including the Medical Insurance Bills and Hurricane Katrina Projects in the New Orleans area. The students also got to visit the White House and sit in on deliberations at the Supreme Court dealing with an NFL case. At their hotel the students were involved with workshops each day on current issues. They debated the issues with students from Washington State, Texas and Georgia. Each day the students got to visit all the Washington monuments and museums. The week ended with an ice skating activity, banquet and dance.

Pictured left to right: George Smith 9th; William McGrew 9th; Levon LeBan 9th; Lucy Wang 9th; John Parauka Teacher; Evan Rusca 10th.



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