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Seven Regina students explore our nation's capital

For seven Regina Dominican students, social studies came alive February 13-19 as they delved deeply into the study of the U.S. government. They were participating in Close Up Washington, D.C., a special experience-oriented program for high school students across the nation.

Taking part in this special program were senior Valerie Lengerich; juniors Nora Epstein, Danielle Herberg, Nicole Nagel, Lauren Strzepek, and Kristen Ufheil; and sophomore Farah Ahmad.

Sponsored by the Close Up Foundation, Close Up Washington, D.C. involves visits to special sites such as the White House, Lafayette Square, the Smithsonian Institute, and Capitol Hill. In addition, participants attend workshops on such topics as international relations and choosing presidential candidates and seminars on current controversial issues and the defense policy. A highlight for Regina Dominican students was a visit with U.S. Senators Richard Durbin and Barack Obama.

The Close Up Washington trip is one of many opportunities that Regina Dominican's Social Studies Department offers to students. Other special events include mock elections during election years; the Legal Issues Seminar, in which Chicago area judges address the seniors on issues that they deal with in their work; and field trips to criminal court at 26th and California in Chicago.

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