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With my extensive background in community service and natural curiosity I find it only natural that I would gravitate towards a fantastic program like Close Up. As I already stated I've always inspired, the thought of just sitting and letting life pass me by is appalling. I need to see the world just as much as I feel the need to change it. With this opportunity I can get a head start at learning about this country and the people in it. D.C. not only offers me a buffet of knowledge but also an opportunity to meet new people and find new ways in which I can view the world.



“Why do you go away? So that you can come back. So that you can see the place you came from with new eyes and extra colors. And the people there see you differently, too. Coming back to where you started is not the same as never leaving.”

— [Terry Pratchett, \*A Hat Full of Sky\*](#)

