

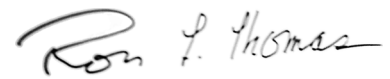
See What's New! Our Website is Updated for your convenience, it includes conference schedules and much more! Please visit www.georgiacloseup.org.

Hello Friends of Close Up! This is our time of the year! This week kicks off our spring session of conferences. We begin with our Middle School Legislative Conference this Tuesday and Wednesday. In this conference we will be reviewing issues such as animal rights vs human rights, capitol punishment, life without parole, and child cruelty.

March 3rd & 4th, we will have our High School Legislative Conference. Issues we may be discussing will be the death penalty, hate crime, teen driving laws, animal protection and other youth related issues. On March 11-12, we will be hosting a Youth Health Conference at the Rollins School of Public Health. We will be focusing on the public and personal health issues that we are all facing today. This conference is developed for high school students and will explore the role and responsibility that the CDC has in today's ever-changing public health concerns.

Our last conference for this year will be our Youth Environmental Conference on March 17-18th. Titled "Sustainable Living for Young People," it will be held at the Georgia Tech Research Institute. This middle school level conference will focus on issues such as green purchases, solar ovens, offshore drilling, recycling, and green vehicles.

All of our staff, volunteers, teachers, and participants are getting geared up for these great conferences. We are all looking forward to learning more about our youth. Until next time...



Ron L Thomas, Volunteer Chairperson

Meet one our Staff:

ANYIE LI, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Anyie serves as a Program Administrator for Georgia Close Up. She was born in Seattle, Washington. Graduating from the University of Washington in 2008, she earned a B.A. in International Studies. She also minored in Human Rights and Law, Societies, and Justice. She also serves as the Assistant Program Coordinator for the Oxford Institute for Environmental Education. Anyie is passionate about international education and cross-cultural exchange. Anyie was an Assistant Youth Counselor to the International Rescue Committee. She is committed to promoting international understanding and hopes to inspire youth to exercise their rights and be engaged in the democratic process through the Georgia Close Up Foundation. We are so happy to have Anyie on our staff. She is a great asset to this organization. If you have any questions concerning our conferences or volunteering you are welcome to contact Anyie at anyiejli@gmail.com.



Become a Volunteer~ We are always in need of Organizers, Program Instructors, Facilitators, Speakers and so much more. You Are NEEDED!
Just Contact Ron at rthomasron@yahoo.com.

Registration Deadlines:

HS Legislative Conference: February 28

HS Youth Health Conference: March 1

MS Youth Enviro Conference: March 10

Conference Dates:

HS Legislative Conference: March 3-5

HS Youth Health Conference: March 11-12

MS Youth Enviro Conference: March 17-18