



## Career Explorers

Fall 2019

**Career Explorers** is a new LYSB workshop serving Lyme-Old Lyme students entering grades 6, 7 or 8 in the fall of 2019. The workshop will be facilitated by the Mentoring Corps for Community Development (MCCD) at LYSB.

**What Is Career Explorers about?** Research indicates that middle school is a time of life when many questions, ideas and insecurities can emerge. This workshop is designed to provide a judgment free zone for discussions about life goals and purpose.

Mentors from MCCD (see bios) will seek to broaden the child's frame of reference; expand upon the possibilities that may not have been considered as future study, college majors or occupations. Each attendee will work towards clarifying their likes, identify personal strengths and family values and think about how those can fit in with possible career and life goals.

**Who should attend?** Interested applicants should be open to talking about their career ideas and exhibit a genuine interest in attending the workshop.

**Should my child apply if they have no idea what they want to do for a career?** As long as the child is willing and enthusiastic about exploring ideas related to career and life choices, yes, please apply.

**What is the commitment?** Applicants must commit to meeting once a week for 5 weeks.

**Location:** LYSB, 59 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, CT 06371

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Dates:** 5-Week Session

Tuesdays: November 5<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup>, November 19<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Enrollment limited to 6 participants

**Time:** 2:15 PM until \*4:00 PM

Snacks provided. There is no fee to attend the workshop. \*Late bus from LOLMS available for transportation home as needed.

Registration Link: [www.LYSB.org](http://www.LYSB.org)

Please direct any questions about the workshop to: [barbaraarelt@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraarelt@gmail.com) or via text 860-510-2251

Bios:

### Richard H. Shriver

Dick Shriver has held senior executive positions in government, industry and the non-profit sector. He has also started several businesses and worked in more than 40 countries. He is provost emeritus of European College of Liberal Arts (now Bard College Berlin). He has been visiting professor of business at International Management Institute, Kiev (Ukraine), economic diplomacy at L'viv State University (L'viv Ukraine) and international business and global issues at the

United States Coast Guard Academy. Dick is a founder of the Mentoring Corps for Community Development in Old Lyme where he has worked on programs for middle and high school students involving career discussions, Invention Convention, civics, and Science Olympiad; the schools have included Lyme-Old Lyme, New London and Old Saybrook. Dick has a BSME degree from Cornell University and an MSIE degree from Ohio State, and is author of the book, "Glimpses of an Uncharted Life". He is recipient of the Defense Distinguished Service Medal and Treasury's Alexander Hamilton Medal.

### **Ralph Wood**

Ralph Wood spent his career in industrial research and development. He held a variety of individual contributor and technical management positions at General Electric (Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory, GE's Corporate Research and Development Center – Thermal Branch, Liaison Scientist, Process Modeling Group, Industrial Laser Group), West Virginia University (Center for Concurrent Engineering, Center for Entrepreneurial Studies and Development, and Leadership Academy for Community Development), and United Technologies Corporation (Research Center – Product Development and Manufacturing, Management of Technology; United Technologies Corporate Manufacturing and Quality). He retired from UTC as the director of Achieving Competitive Excellence. Ralph then founded and ran for 10 years a small company, Accelerating Excellence LLC, that consulted on issues of enterprise productivity, strategy, new product development, quality and problem solving. In this capacity and at the Center for Entrepreneurial Studies and Development, he worked with both large and small corporations and their divisions in the US, Canada, Mexico, Japan, China, Singapore, New Zealand and Europe. He is equally at home in the board room and on the manufacturing floor, and with all other enterprise functions. He was an adjunct professor at Union College, West Virginia University, University of Denver, and the National Graduate School, and he was a principal in the redesign and teaching of UTC's Quality University that uses contemporary education technologies, including multimedia simulation. More recently Ralph has teamed with Richard ("Dick") Shriver to deliver enrichment classes on a variety of career and self-improvement topics to middle school students. Ralph and Dick also designed a multi-year mentoring engagement for middle schoolers with the goals of exploring career choices and succeeding to gain college admission. They initiated this program with three students at the former Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School in New London.

Ralph is a chairman emeritus and current Secretary of the Connecticut Audubon Society. He co-authored the book *Shingijutsu-Kaizen: The Art of Discovery and Learning* and is a co-inventor of three U.S. patents. Ralph holds ScB, ScM and PhD degrees in mechanical engineering from Brown University. He is also a graduate of GE's Manager Training Program and of the Franklin-Covey programs "Principle-Centered Leadership" and "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People."