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 Learning for Life Program  
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# Real-World Career Experiences

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|            | Career Field               | Post # | Sponsoring Organization                                          | Post Advisor          | Phone #              | E-mail Address                 |
|------------|----------------------------|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>NEW</b> | Aviation (General)         | 1354   | Johnson County Aviators at Greenwood Municipal Airport           | Mr. Ray Kassab        | (317) 881-0887       | rlkassab@sbcglobal.net         |
|            | Business (General)         | 642    | Eli Lilly & Company                                              | Mr. Justin Quall      | (317) 277-3594       | quallju@lilly.com              |
| <b>NEW</b> | Business (General)         |        | Firestone Industrial Products                                    | Mr. Brad Marks        | (317) 818-8616       | marksb@fsip.com                |
|            | Engineering (Architecture) | 334    | Browning Day Mullins Dierdorf                                    | Mr. Stephen Hoersten  | (317) 635-5030 X 364 | shoersten@bdmd.com             |
|            | Engineering (General)      | 393    | Eli Lilly & Company                                              | Mr. David Alms        | (317) 276-1969       | Alms_david_c@lilly.com         |
|            | Engineering (General)      | 475    | Raytheon Technical Services Co.                                  | Mr. Chuck Jordan      | (317) 306-3968       | Charles_w_jordan@raytheon.com  |
|            | Engineering (Architecture) | 898    | BSA Lifestructures                                               | Mr. Josh Haywood      | (317) 819-2354       | jhaywood@bsalifestructures.com |
|            | Fire & Emergency (General) | 88     | Wayne Township Fire Department                                   | Mr. Ted Moore         | (317) 538-8833       | Ted.moore@wayne.twp.org        |
|            | Fire & Emergency (General) | 91     | Fishers Fire Department                                          | Mr. Ron Lipps         | (317) 595-3200       | lippsr@fishers.in.us           |
|            | Fire & Emergency (General) | 416    | Central 9 Career Center (As Part of Fire Service Classes)        | Mr. Dale Saucier      | (317) 534-9024       | dsaucier@wrftd.org             |
|            | Fire & Emergency (General) | 503    | Indianapolis Fire Department                                     | Mr. Kevin Givens      | (317) 327-6074       | Givens.kevin@indy.gov          |
|            | Fire & Emergency (General) | 618    | Greenwood Fire Department                                        | Mr. Adam Arkins       | (317) 882-2559       | arkinsa@greenwood.in.gov       |
|            | Fire & Emergency (General) | 2012   | Bargersville Fire Department                                     | Mr. Joe Campbell      | (317) 714-5733       | jcampbell@bcfd.net             |
|            | Fire & Emergency (General) | 4416   | J. Everett Light Career Center (As Part of Fire Service Classes) | Chief Jeff Hayes      | (317) 2595265        | jhayes@msdwt.k12.in.us         |
|            | Health (General)           | 6      | St. Vincent Health (Carmel)                                      | Ms. Joanne Burfeind   | (317) 844-8144       | joanne.burfeind@indy.rr.com    |
|            | Health (General)           | 21     | Indiana University Health (Methodist)                            | Ms. Kim Armstrong     | (317) 962-0937       | karmstr3@clarian.org           |
| <b>NEW</b> | Health (General)           |        | Indiana University Health (West Hospital)                        | Ms. Linda Ryser       | (317) 217-3283       | lryser@iuhealth.org            |
|            | Health (Nursing)           | 76     | Indiana University Health Nursing                                | Ms. Whitney Mucha     | (317) 962-2600       | wmuch@iuhealth.org             |
|            | Health (General)           | 136    | Riverview Hospital                                               | Ms. Nancy Chance      | (317) 753-1293       | nchance@riverview.org          |
|            | Health (Pharmacy)          | 645    | Eli Lilly & Company                                              | Ms. Megha Shah        | (317) 651-6182       | shah_megha@LILLY.COM           |
|            | Health (Pharmacy)          | 774    | Butler University College of Pharmacy                            | Mr. Darin Ramsey      | (317) 310-4404       | dramsey@butler.edu             |
|            | Law Enforcement (General)  | 130    | Noblesville Police Department                                    | Officer Matt Johnston | (317) 776-6340       | mjohnston@noblesville.in.us    |
|            | Law Enforcement (General)  | 382    | Carmel Police Department                                         | Greg Dewald           | (317) 697-9501       | gdewald@carmel.in.gov          |
|            | Law Enforcement (General)  | 435    | Indianapolis Police Department                                   | Sergeant George Long  | (317) 327-3187       | L4234@indygov.org              |
|            | Law Enforcement (General)  | 777    | Plainfield Police Department                                     | Lieutenant Jill Lees  | (317) 838-3562       | Jill.lees@plainfieldPD.org     |
|            | Law Enforcement (General)  | 841    | Johnson County Sheriff's Office                                  | Major Duane Burgess   | (317) 736-9155       | Debbie.dore@comcast.net        |
|            | Law Enforcement (General)  | 1978   | Fishers Police Department                                        | Officer Jamie Alvis   | (317) 595-3300       | alvisj@fishers.in.us           |
|            | Science (General)          | 40     | Eli Lilly & Company                                              | Mr. Guy Hanson        | (317) 433-9866       | Hanson_guy_j@lilly.com         |
|            | Science (General)          | 75     | Eli Lilly & Company (Greenfield)                                 | Mr. Dan Mowrey        | (317) 277-4723       | Mowrey_daniel_h@lilly.com      |
|            | Science (Anthropology)     | 431    | IUPUI School of Anthropology                                     | Ms. Chris Glidden     | (317) 274-8207       | Kcglidde@iupui.edu             |
| <b>NEW</b> | Skilled Trades (General)   |        | Associated Builders and Contractors of Indiana                   | Mr. Claude Street     | (317) 596-4950       | claudesbc@indy.org             |

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**What is Exploring?** Exploring is Learning for Life's career education program for young men and women who are at least 14 (and have completed the 8th grade) and not yet 21 years old.

Exploring is all about helping young adults make a more informed decision about future careers and determine if a particular career is the right one for them. Typically, a young adult will either: 1) get involved, learn about a career, and decide to pursue it; OR 2) learn enough about the career to determine it's not the right fit for them.

It's better to learn as a young adult that a career is not for you, then after spending lots of money on an education only to THEN discover you don't like the career.

**How does it work?** Students from school districts across Central Indiana are surveyed each spring to determine their top two career interests. Based on the results of the over 20,000 surveys collected each year, Explorer "posts" are created with businesses that match the student interests, and students are invited to attend meetings each month, and learn about the career that interests them. Over 1,700 students participate annually in the program.

## What are the benefits?

• **For businesses:** Businesses are able to cultivate future employees, impact the education process of youth, prepare young adults for transition from school to work, develop future responsible and caring adults, improve staff teamwork working on common goals outside of normal work, and have a visible commitment to the welfare of the community.

**For students:** Students gain practical, real-world career experiences and insight, stimulate an interest in continual education, build leadership, self confidence, and problem solving skills, maintain a cooperative relationship between and youth, and provide community service to others.

## How can you get involved?

Assistance is needed in several areas to provide the necessary framework to make the program successful:

- 1.Starting New Explorer Posts** - Although there are 30 posts already in existence, help is needed to start posts in the key areas of arts & humanities, aviation, business, communications, law & government, skilled trades, and social services.
- 2.Indy Middle of the Night**—The program holds an event each year where students take part in a progressive lock-in, learning about several careers throughout the evening, and having fun along the way. We are always looking for new locations for students to visit.
- 3.Exploring Committee** - We are always looking for individuals who can assist with the operations of the Exploring program, and open new doors in the community, and provide more opportunities for students.

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