

# World of Work

## 2020-2021 School Year

### 7<sup>th</sup> Season



Dear The École Community,

Please find below the 3 upcoming guests who will be meeting with our 7th and 8th graders as part of our World of Work program for February and March 2021.

If you would like to attend the conference, please send an email to [WorldofWork@theEcole.org](mailto:WorldofWork@theEcole.org). You will receive the link to join the conferences.



#### Pr. Jérôme Premmeur

**COVID-19 Vaccine Specialist, Vice-President Patient Safety Solutions and Adjudication at Labcorp**

Since January 2020, Pr. Jérôme Premmeur and his team from Labcorp have been on the front lines in the fight against the COVID-19. Labcorp has developed medicines, diagnostics and vaccines to address the current pandemic for the medical industry and university research departments.

Pr. Premmeur has significant international regulatory expertise and knowledge of the registration path for new drugs in at least 60 countries. As a veteran pharmaceutical executive, former Chief Executive Officer and President of the TB Alliance, he has nearly two decades of experience overseeing the development of new treatments for various diseases, including infectious and cardiovascular diseases.

The conference is a perfect opportunity for our Middle School students to better understand COVID-19 and the recent vaccines. And maybe, it will lead them to believe in an essential notion: hope.

Monday, February 8th. 11:30am to 12:15pm. In English.



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**Ugochukwu-Smooth Nzewi**  
**Curator & African Art Specialist, MoMA**

In March 2019, the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) named Ugochukwu-Smooth Nzewi as the Steven and Lisa Tananbaum Curator in the Department of Painting and Sculpture.

Prior to his appointment at MoMA, Ugochukwu-Smooth C. Nzewi was curator of African art at the Cleveland Museum of Art. He was the first black curator ever hired by the Cleveland institution since it was founded more than a century ago in 1913.

Nzewi earned a Ph.D., in Art History from Emory University in Atlanta and has a postgraduate diploma from the African Program in Museum and Heritage Studies at the University of Western Cape, South Africa.

Students already have so many questions: what can we call African art? Who are the main artists and institutions? What is the place and value of African art on the worldwide art market?...



Wednesday, February 24th. 10:45am to 11:30am. In English.

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**Kate Higgins, The École Parent**  
**Interpreter at the United Nations Headquarters in New York**



Kate Higgins was born in the northwest of England. She went on to study French and Hispanic Studies at the University of Nottingham, including time spent abroad in both France and Spain.

Kate then spent some years living in Central America and France, whilst also completing a Masters in French literature, before studying for a Masters in Interpretation and Translation Studies at the University of Leeds. She was able to participate in a program for young interpreters at the European Commission, which allowed her to become a freelance interpreter and work for the EC for 9 years.

During this time, she also took the competitive examination to become a staff interpreter for the United Nations, and she and her family moved to New York in 2017. She has been working for the UN since then.

Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. 11:45am to 12:30pm. In English.

**Richard Garriott de Cayeux, The École Parent**

## American Video Game Developer, Entrepreneur & Explorer

Richard Garriott de Cayeux is a founding father of the videogame industry and the commercial spaceflight industry, a flown astronaut, and an accomplished explorer.

He has been inducted into the computer gaming hall of fame and has received the industry lifetime achievement award. He is credited with creating the now ubiquitous term “avatar” for one’s virtual self and the category of massively multiplayer games (MMORPGs). He has built three leading gaming companies: Origin Systems, Destination Games and Portalarium.

As a principal shaper of the commercial spaceflight industry, he cofounded Space Adventures, the only company to arrange space flights for private citizens and is the sixth private astronaut to live aboard the International Space Station. The son of a NASA astronaut, he became the first second-generation astronaut and has been a key leader in civilian and commercial space as an investor and Board member of institutions such as the X-Prize Foundation, Space Adventures, and Planetary Resources.

March 2021. Date and time will be announced. In English.

