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QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

Chicago Food to Go

Chicago Food To Go profiles and features restaurants all over Chicagoland. The locations include Chicago suburbs and neighborhoods of Bucktown, Downers Grove, Elk Grove Village, Evanston, Fulton Market, Lincoln Park, North Park, Oak Park, Portage Park, River Grove, South Loop, Streeterville, Waukegan, West Loop, and West Town. Focuses on Community Development, Economic Opportunity, Entrepreneurship.

AIR TIMES & STATIONS

48.1: Thursdays, 7:30p; Saturdays, 7:30a; Sundays, 10:30a & 11p;

The week of October 1

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The week of October 8

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The week of October 15

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The week of October 22

Chicago Food To Go profiles and features restaurants all over Chicagoland. The locations include the Chicago suburbs and neighborhoods of Edgebrook, Evanston, Hyde Park, Kildeer, North Riverside, Old Town, Oak Park, and Pilsen.

The week of October 29

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The weeks of November 19

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The weeks of December 10

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The weeks of December 24

Chicago Food To Go profiles and features restaurants all over Chicagoland. The locations include the Chicago suburbs and neighborhoods of Beverly, Lincoln Park, Palos Heights, West Loop, and West Town.

26 N. Halsted

26 N. Halsted is an issues responsive show series hosted by George Blaise that explores a variety of topics, which reflect the issues and concerns of the Chicagoland area. This show provides an opportunity for community groups, organizations and concerned citizens to discuss, explain and voice opinions that are not otherwise heard. [Shows are 30-minute discussions on the topic.]

AIR TIMES & STATIONS

48.1: Sundays, 10a

October 7 & 8

Host George Blaise is joined by Cultural Anthropologist Stanford Carpenter. The pair discuss Dr. Carpenter's class titled "Exploring the EthnoGothic" and how race, culture, and history play a factor in how people are affected by horror movies.

October 14 & 15

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December 23 & 24

Host George Blaise is joined by José Rico, the Director of Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation Chicago. The pair discuss current issues across Chicago, and how the organization is working to create a radically inclusive city by addressing race and racism through narrative change, relationship building, equitable policies and more.

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SPORTS EDITION

48.1 Sundays 9:30 a.m.

October 1

Host Kenny McReynolds is joined by Utah Jazz Chief Experience Officer Andrea Williams and Illinois High School Association Executive Director Craig Anderson

October 8

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December 31

Host Kenny McReynolds is joined by Broadcaster & Sports Biographer, John St. Augustine and former Chicago Cubs Catcher, Randy Huntley.

SPECIALS

Happy Holidays America Sun 12/24/23 4pm

SPORTS

WMEU produces extensive coverage of high school sports in the Chicago area, including live game productions featuring athletes as well as stories about teachers, students and the community at large.

CPS Boys Soccer Championship	Sarah Goode vs. Taft	Wed 10/11/2023 8PM
H.S. Football Game of the Week	York vs. Lyons Township	Sat 10/14/23 1:30pm
H.S. Football Game of the Week	St. Rita vs. Brother Rice	Sat 10/20/23 7pm
IHSA Football Playoff	Pairing Show	Sat 10/21/23 8pm
IHSA Football Playoff	Pairing Show	Sat 10/21/23 12am
IHSA Playoff Football	1A Championship	Fri 11/24/23 10am
IHSA Playoff Football	2A Championship	Fri 11/24/23 1pm
IHSA Playoff Football	3A Championship	Fri 11/24/23 4pm
IHSA Playoff Football	4A Championship	Fri 11/24/23 7pm

RELIGIOUS PROGRAMMING

Catholic Mass 6:30am – 7:00am

My Start Stories

My Start Stories is an inspiring video series on Start TV featuring real women from all walks of life who work to change the world in their own way.

AIR TIMES & STATIONS

48.2: The :30 and :60 second pieces rotate and air 6 times a day Monday-Saturday and 5 times on Sunday.

Saturday, July 1

Julia Storm- Founder ReConnect

Julia Storm is a Digital Media Parenting Educator and founder of ReConnect, a program that helps parents and kids prepare for and navigate life in the digital age. Prior to launching ReConnect, Storm served as Director of Production for The Mother Company, a production company dedicated to creating media for young children.

ISSUES: Childhood Development, Science & Technology, Community, Local Services

Sunday, July 2

Laura Desmond- CEO & Founder, Eagle Vista Partners

Laura Desmond has been instrumental in reinventing the ways in which media companies grow their digital content and media strategy. She has worked with some of the most successful marketers worldwide, including Samsung, Coca-Cola and Visa, as well as online consumer brands like Twitter, Airbnb and Spotify. In 2016, she founded her own company, Eagle Vista Partners, a marketing and digital transformation consulting and advisory firm.

ISSUES: Science & Technology, Leadership, Arts & Entertainment

Monday, July 3

Aimee Eubanks Davis- Former Teacher/CEO, Braven

After several years with Teach for America, Aimée Eubanks Davis realized that many of her former students were struggling to find jobs out of college. So, inspired to narrow that gap, she launched Braven in 2013, with the goal of helping underrepresented minorities land strong first jobs out of college. She was also named a 2019 Obama Foundation Fellow — one of just 20 people in the world.

ISSUES: Career Development, Community, Local Services

Tuesday, July 4

Diana Nyad- Long-Distance Swimmer, Author

Diana Nyad became the first person to swim from Cuba to Florida without a shark cage in 2013 at the age of 64. She first came to the nation's attention in 1975 when she broke the record for swimming around the island of Manhattan in New York City. In 1979, Nyad set the world distance record when she swam from North Bimini, Bahamas to Juno Beach, Florida. She also had a successful career as a broadcast journalist, spending 30 years as a network sportscaster. Nyad has authored several books, including the 2015 memoir *Find a Way*.

ISSUES: Sports & Recreation, Leadership, Journalism

Wednesday, July 5

Catie Holoubek- EVP Media, Pinnacle Advertising & Marketing

Catie Holoubek planned to go to law school until radio became her passion. That's where she got involved in digital advertising and marketing, where the self-described "nerdy" EVP of media didn't let the fact that she's female stop her from reaching her goals.

ISSUES: Female Empowerment, Arts & Entertainment, Community

Thursday, July 6

Helen Zia- Writer, Activist

The daughter of Chinese immigrants, Helen Zia published her first book, *Asian American Dreams: The Emergence of an American People*, in 2000. She is the former Executive Editor of Ms. Magazine. Zia is also featured in the Academy Award-nominated documentary "Who Killed Vincent Chin?" Her latest book *The Last Boat Out of Shanghai* chronicles the mass exodus from China following the 1949 Communist revolution.

ISSUES: Race & Culture, History, Community, Arts & Entertainment

Friday, July 7

Carol Weston- Young Adult Author

Carol Weston knows a thing or two about young girls and teens. She has written 16 books for and about them, and since 1994 has been the "Dear Carol" advice columnist at Girls' Life magazine. Weston's signature book, *Girltalk: All the Stuff Your Sister Never Told You*, is now in its fourth edition and has been translated into over a dozen languages. She is also the author of the Ava Wren series, the Melanie Martin series and her latest book is *Speed of Life*.

ISSUES: Arts & Entertainment, Childhood Development, Community

Saturday, July 8

Dorri McWhorter- CEO, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago

Dorri McWhorter wrote a letter to Santa Claus when she was 11 years old, outlining her three primary wishes: (1) to make sure everyone alive was okay, (2) to prove Santa was real by sending a picture and (3) to help her be an accountant. Since writing that letter, she has worked in the accounting world for 20 years, and currently is the CEO of the YWCA.

ISSUES: Female Empowerment, Community, Local Issues

Sunday, July 9

Jacquie Purcell- Coroner

Jacquie Purcell began her career as a Funeral Director who worked with many coroners, and soon she found herself interested in pursuing that career. In 2004, Purcell was appointed as a Deputy Coroner, and then in 2016, she was elected Coroner of Kendall County, Illinois. She is a certified death investigator and peace officer.

ISSUES: Community, Local Issues, Safety

Monday, July 10

Brenda Berkman- Retired Captain, New York City Fire Department

Brenda Berkman is a retired Captain with the New York City Fire Department. In 1982 Berkman and 40 other women became the city's first female firefighters. She went on to break new boundaries in defining what it meant to be a female firefighter, founding and becoming the first president of the United Women Firefighters, winning the Susan B. Anthony Award from the National Organization for Women, and appointed as a White House Fellow by President Bill Clinton.

ISSUES: Female Empowerment, Leadership, Community

Tuesday, July 11

Laura McNally- Attorney Loeb & Loeb Chicago

As a litigation partner at Loeb & Loeb, Laura McNally focuses on breaking down complex cases and resolving commercial legal disputes. She is an impressive legal expert whose achievements include representing the Chamber of Commerce while filing amicus briefs in the Supreme Court and features in Bloomberg News.

ISSUES: Law, Community, Local Issues

Wednesday, July 12

Ibtihaj Muhammad- U.S. Olympic Fencer

New Jersey native Muhammad is the first Muslim woman to represent the United States and bring home a medal in the Olympic Games while wearing a hijab. She's a 5-time Senior World medalist and was the 2014 World Champion in the team event.

ISSUES: Sports & Recreation, Religion, Community, Female Empowerment

Thursday, July 13

Carol Burnett- Comedian & Actress

One of TV history's most award-winning female comedians, Carol Burnett is best known for her variety show "The Carol Burnett Show". It originally aired on CBS from 1967-1978. In 2005, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom for her contributions to the entertainment industry.

ISSUES: Arts & Entertainment, Female Empowerment, Community

Friday, July 14

Laura Berman- Sex, Love and Relationship Therapist

Dr. Laura Berman is a *NY Times* bestselling author, radio and TV host and a world-renowned sex, love and relationship therapist.

ISSUES: Arts & Entertainment, Community, Local Issues

Saturday, July 15

Treva Silverman- Screenwriter

On "The Mary Tyler Moore Show", Treva Silverman's writing stood out. So much so that she became the first woman to ever win an Emmy for comedy writing without the help of

a male partner. On the show, she wrote some of the most memorable female-driven storylines.

ISSUES: Arts & Entertainment, Female Empowerment, Community

Sunday, July 16

Juanita Silva- Chicago Fire Marshal

Juanita Silva works in fire investigations, working to find the cause of a blaze. After working her way up the ranks, Silva is now the only female fire marshal in her fire department.

ISSUES: Female Empowerment, Community, Local Services

Monday, July 17

Stephanie Scharf- Attorney and founder Scharf Banks Marmor LLC

"It was important to me to have a female majority, women-owned law firm," says Stephanie Scharf, founding partner of Scharf Banks Marmor LLC. Scharf grew up in an era in which women didn't have the opportunities they have in the workplace today.

ISSUES: Female Empowerment, Law, Community, Local Services

Tuesday, July 18

Jennifer Junk- Executive Director, Recovery on Water

When it came to starting her nonprofit, Recovery on Water, former executive director Jenn Junk explained that it was hard to do, but also incredibly rewarding. She says rowing gives breast cancer survivors the opportunity to not only get active while recovering, but also to get support from people who are going through similar experiences.

ISSUES: Health & Safety, Sports & Recreation, Community, Local Services

Wednesday, July 19

Rachel Feldman- Director/Screenwriter

Director/Screenwriter Rachel Feldman has headed projects for ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX and other major networks. She's also written movies for Lifetime and Freeform. She knows how tough it is to get a start in an industry flooded with talent. Especially for women.

ISSUES: Arts & Entertainment, Community, Local Services

Thursday, July 20

Yvonne Russo- CEO & Executive Producer, Yvonne Russo Productions

Yvonne Russo is a film and television producer, writer and director and has worked on projects such as "Woman Walks Ahead" and "Nat Geo's Most Amazing Photos." She is also founder of the Akatubi Film and Music Academy which teaches Native American youth production skills.

ISSUES: Race & Culture, Arts & Entertainment, Community, Local Services

Friday, July 21

Crista Samaras- CEO & Founder, Brave Enterprises

Crista Samaras is the CEO and Founder of Brave Enterprises, an organization inspiring teen girls and teaching them the skills necessary to be resilient and brave. With Samaras' help, girls can learn an important lesson about overcoming fear.

ISSUES: Female Empowerment, Community, Local Services

Saturday, July 22

Siobhan Johnson- Special Agent, FBI

Siobhan Johnson is a Special Agent with the FBI, who has investigated counterterrorism matters across four continents. Special Agent Johnson is also the Chicago Division Recruitment Coordinator at the FBI, and it's her special mission to help more women realize their potential as an FBI agent.

ISSUES: Female Empowerment, Law, World Events

Sunday, July 23

Kelly Wallace- Journalist

Kelly Wallace began working in news as a producer for CNN in 1990. While at CNN she held a variety of roles, TV correspondent, digital correspondent and editor-at-large for CNN Digital, focusing on women's issues. She previously worked for CBS Evening News and iVillage, and in early 2019, was named managing director of TrailRunner International, a global strategic & communications advisory firm.

ISSUES: Female Empowerment, Journalism, Community

Monday, July 24

Thea Flaum- Executive Producer, "Sneak Previews"

Thea Flaum began her career as a TV producer and is best known for creating "Sneak Previews", the movie review show hosted by the late movie critics Roger Ebert and Gene Siskel. Currently, she is the President of the Hill Foundation, an organization she began with her husband that helps families facing spinal cord injuries.

ISSUES: Arts & Entertainment, Health & Safety, Community, Local Services

Tuesday, July 25

Barbara Barreno Paschall-Senior Staff Attorney, Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights

Barbara Barreno-Paschall is a Senior Staff Attorney at Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights with the Housing Opportunity Project in Chicago.

ISSUES: Local Advocacy, Community, Local Services, Law

Wednesday, July 26

Chaz Ebert- President of the Ebert Company and Ebert Digital

Chaz Ebert is currently the President of the Ebert Company and Ebert Digital, Publisher of RogerEbert.com, President of Ebert Productions, Chairman of the Board of The Roger and Chaz Ebert Foundation, and Co-Founder and Producer of Ebertfest. She began her career as a trial attorney and was married to the iconic film critic Roger Ebert.

ISSUES: Female Empowerment, Arts & Entertainment, Local Services, Community
Thursday, July 27

Christie Hefner- Former Chairman & CEO, Playboy Enterprises

Christie Hefner spent more than two decades with Playboy Enterprises, working her way up to Chairman of the Board and CEO in 1988. In early 2009, she stepped down from her position at Playboy to focus more time on her charitable work and philanthropy. She was named executive chairman of Canyon Ranch Enterprises in 2011, and after leaving four years later, became chairman of Hatch Beauty.

ISSUES: Community, Local Services, Finance & Economics, Business
Friday, July 28

Mary Mitchell- Columnist, Chicago Sun-Times

Mary Mitchell's first career was as a legal secretary. Always an avid reader and passionate about writing, she earned a journalism degree in her 40's. Mitchell began at the Chicago Sun-Times newspaper as an intern, then they hired her as a part-time journalist. By 1991, she advanced to full-time, and in 1995 she was promoted to columnist.

ISSUES: Journalism, Community, Local Services
Saturday, July 29

Caroline Perzan- Film Set Decorator

Caroline Perzan's career as a set designer began after walking by a film set in Portland, Oregon. She moved to Los Angeles and worked on many award-winning shows and movies like "Man of Steel", "Breaking Bad" and "The Horse Whisperer". Perzan moved back home to Chicago, where she created some of the set designs for "Empire" and the movie "Widows".

ISSUES: Arts & Entertainment, Community, Local Services

Sunday, July 30

Eleni Pappas- Assistant Fire Chief, Los Angeles County Fire Department

Inspired by real-life events in 1992 watching Los Angeles burn during the civil unrest caused by the Rodney King beating, Eleni Pappas knew right then that she wanted to become a firefighter. Five years later, Pappas was working for the Los Angeles Fire Department. In 2001, she joined the Los Angeles County Fire Department. In August 2018, she made history by becoming the first female promoted to Assistant Fire Chief in her county.

ISSUES: Female Empowerment, Community, Local Services
Monday, July 31

Julie Harris Walker- Director, Production Diversity and Inclusion WarnerMedia

After earning her BFA in acting, Julie Harris Walker pivoted and began her career in commercial production and production finance in Hollywood, where she became interested in the issue of gender equality. Never losing her passion for entertaining and performing, Harris Walker launched her own podcast network.

ISSUES: Arts & Entertainment, Community, Female Empowerment

Tuesday, August 1

Mindy Lynch- Flight Nurse

Lynch began her job as a nurse at the age of 20, in the emergency room. The first time she saw a flight team with a patient, she knew that was the path she wanted her career to eventually take.

ISSUES: Health & Safety, Community, Local Services, Career Development.

Wednesday, Aug 2

April Sutton-Fitness Trainer, Professional Stunt Woman

Getting her start on the set of the 2014 blockbuster “Divergent”, stuntwoman April Sutton started off as a fitness enthusiast and a bodybuilder. When she decided to pursue her love of stunt work, she didn't let any setbacks get her down.

ISSUES: Female Empowerment, Community, Local Services, Arts & Entertainment, Career Development, Fitness & Safety.

Thursday, Aug 3

Dana Wolfe-Journalist

Dana Wolfe is a journalist, news program producer and is currently on the board of “Retro Report”, an innovative documentary news organization. Dana began her career as a producer on “ABC's Nightline with Ted Koppel”. She also served as executive producer of the debate “Men Are Finished,” which was nationally broadcast on TV and NPR.

ISSUES: Journalism, Arts & Culture, Career Development, Female Empowerment, Local Services, Female Advocacy.

Friday, Aug 4

Diane Ademu John-Former Executive Producer, "Empire"

Writing for TV became an accidental dream for Diane Ademu-John by working night jobs as a production assistant. It was through this side work that she got “bit by the bug” that would lead her to become Executive Producer on the hit TV show “Empire” and a screenwriter and producer for shows like “Medium” and “Body of Proof”.

ISSUES: Career Development, Culture & Arts, Female Empowerment, Local Services.

Saturday, Aug 5

Jamie Zelermyer- President, NYWIFT

Jamie is the Program Manager of Made In New York: Pilot Competition. Zelermyer works with the mayor's office to improve gender diversity in television.

ISSUES: Local Advocacy, LGBTQIA+ Advocacy, Female Empowerment, Race & Culture, Arts & Entertainment, Local Advocacy.

Sunday, Aug 6

Janice Wilson- Chicago Police Sergeant

"It's one thing to be a police officer and then to be a female as well is a different set of challenges. Sometimes we have to work 10 times harder just to kind of find our way on the job." says Janice Wilson. She said that she felt the need to prove herself for a long time when she joined the force. Wilson was recently promoted to sergeant with the Chicago Police Department.

ISSUES: Public Safety, Female Advocacy, Leadership, Accountability, Career Advancement, Law, Community.

Monday, Aug 7

Molly O'Brien- Executive Producer of special projects, Fork Films

As a producer, O'Brien makes it a priority to tell stories that other production companies may not even think to give a platform to. Her drive has helped her work her way up through the ranks to have the authority to get these stories out into the world.

ISSUES: Female Advocacy, Leadership, Community, Local Advocacy, Arts & Culture, World Events.

Tuesday, Aug 8

Nancy Opel- Broadway actress and singer

Nancy Opel is a Broadway actress and singer. In 2002, she was nominated for the Tony Award for Best Leading Actress in a Musical for her performance as Penelope Pennywise in the satirical comedy "Urinetown". Now Opel works as a coach, encouraging other young talents with the same wisdom that drove her own success.

ISSUES: Arts & Culture, Career Advancement, Public Service, Leadership, Education, Female Empowerment, Community.

Wednesday, Aug 9

Flo Mitchell Brown- Media Entrepreneur

Flo Mitchell-Brown is a media entrepreneur who in 2015 was elected as part of the Board of Directors of the New York Women in Film and Television, where she supports, trains and develops women in leadership positions in the entertainment industry.

ISSUES: Film & Television, Arts & Entertainment, Community, Career Advancement, Education, Leadership.

Thursday, Aug 10

Erin Sarofsky-President, Owner and Creative Director, Sarofsky Corp

Erin Sarofsky is the President, Owner and Creative Director of Sarofsky Corp., where she seeks to be part of the solution when it comes to pay inequality in the entertainment industry. Now she leads a group of artists, producers and technologists who create and develop main titles and visual effects for movies and TV series. In 2006, she was

nominated for a Primetime Emmy Award for her work on the main title sequence of “Ghost Whisperer”.

ISSUES: Economics & Finance, Entertainment, Arts & Culture, Female Empowerment, Accountability, Technology.

Friday, Aug 11

Karen Conti- Attorney & Radio Host

Karen Conti is an attorney, radio talk show host and legal commentator. She and her husband even represented infamous Chicago killer John Wayne Gacy in his last set of death row appeals.

ISSUES: Law, Radio, Entertainment, History & Culture, Advocacy, Journalism, Public Service, Local Advocacy.

Saturday, Aug 12

Pilar Ortega- Emergency Room Physician Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center

Dr. Pilar Ortega is an emergency room physician at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center. She is also an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Illinois Chicago, where she teaches the Medical Spanish program. Her expertise is in Hispanic Healthcare, and her dedication to it led her to found and lead the Medical Organization for Latino Advancement (MOLA), a nonprofit outreach organization.

ISSUES: Health & Safety, Emergency Response, Public Service, Female empowerment, Career Advancement, Race & Culture, Advocacy, Higher Education, Non Profit Advocacy.

Sunday, Aug 13

May Lee- Broadcast Journalist

May Lee joined CNN in Tokyo as the first Korean-American correspondent in 1995. By 1997, she became the main anchor for CNN International in Hong Kong. Upon returning to the U.S. in 1999, Lee hosted her own talk show on the Oxygen Network. In 2003, she was an anchor at CNBC Asia in Singapore. While in Singapore, she started her own media production and consulting company, Lotus Media House, and in 2007, she launched The May Lee Show, a talk show aimed at Asian women. Lee is currently a correspondent for CGTN America, the news network for CCTV of China.

ISSUES: Culture, Race Advocacy, Female Empowerment, Community, News & Entertainment, World Events, Journalism, Public Service, World Relations.

Monday, Aug 14

Nancy Rotering- Mayor, Highland Park, IL

Nancy Rotering is currently the Mayor of Highland Park, Illinois. Before becoming mayor, Rotering served as a Council Member for Highland Park. She was also a candidate in the 2018 race for Illinois Attorney General.

ISSUES: Government, Local Advocacy, Community, Public Safety, Female Empowerment, Accountability.

Tuesday, Aug 15

Betsy Ziegler- CEO, 1871, Tech Innovation Hub

Betsy Ziegler is the first female CEO for the tech incubator company 1871. Before joining 1871, Betsy was the Chief Innovation Officer at the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, and a Principal at McKinsey & Company.

ISSUES: Technology & Science, Higher Education, Female Advocacy, Community, Career Development.

Wednesday, Aug 16

Emily Rogalski- PhD, Neuroscientist, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

As a child, Emily Rogalski was always fascinated with how the brain worked. As an adult, she pursued a career in neuroscience, specializing in dementia research. She now leads a team of researchers at Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago.

ISSUES: Higher Education, Science & Technology, Female Empowerment, Career Advancement, Research, Health & Wellness.

Thursday, Aug 17

Namrata Yadav- SR. VP & Global Head of Inclusion Strategy, Bank of America

Namrata Yadav grew up in India and says she learned about the U.S. from TV shows like Oprah and Friends. After receiving her master's degree in industrial/organizational psychology she decided to "cold call" Bank of America and she's been there ever since. She currently leads the bank's company-wide initiative to promote cultural acceptance, diversity, and inclusion among its employees.

ISSUES: Inclusion Advocacy, Culture & Race, Finance & Economics, Female Empowerment, Local Advocacy.

Friday, Aug 18

Robin Harris- Founder & CEO, Model Atelier, Confidence Apparel

At 21, Robin Harris became a fashion model, gracing runways around the world. In 2014, she decided to leave that world behind and founded Model Atelier, a clothing line tailored for tall women. In 2017, she brought her "passion project" to life, creating an athleisure line with positive messages called Confidence, with proceeds going to a scholarship fund for Chicago Public School students.

ISSUES: Career Advancement, World Events, Female Empowerment, Fashion & Culture, Arts & Entertainment, Fitness, Education Advocacy.

Saturday, Aug 19

Alisha Elenz-Executive Chef, mfk.

As the executive chef at mfk., Alisha Elenz leads a team that has earned three of Michelin's prestigious Bib Gourmand awards. A self-taught chef, Elenz worked her way up the ladder – maintaining that when you're thrown into uncharted or uncertain territory, you have to take a leap of faith and dive in head first.

ISSUES: Food & Nutrition, Female Empowerment, Education, Career Advancement, Community.

Sunday, Aug 20

Julie Smolyansky- CEO Lifeway Foods

Julie Smolyansky became the youngest CEO of a publicly held company when she took over Lifeway Foods at just 27 years old. She has since grown the company to generate revenues of over \$120 million and expanded distribution all over the world.

ISSUES: Career Advancement, Female Empowerment, Age Advocacy, Finance & Economics, Food & Nutrition.

Monday, Aug 21

Sister Jean-Chaplain, Loyola University men's basketball team

Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt was already a local celebrity, but during the Loyola Ramblers' surprise run in the 2018 NCAA basketball tournament, she became a national star. Sister Jean developed a love for the game when she played basketball as a young girl.

ISSUES: Sports, Fitness, Entertainment, Local Advocacy, Higher Education, Female Empowerment.

Tuesday, Aug 22

Katrina Adams- Immediate Past President & Chairman, US Tennis Association

Katrina Adams played professional tennis for 12 years on the Women's Tennis Association's tour. In 2015, she became Chairman of the Board and President of the United States Tennis Association, making her not only the first former player to rise to the post, but also the first African-American and the youngest person to become president in the organization's 135 year history.

ISSUES: Career Advancement, Sports, Female Empowerment, Education Advocacy, Race & Culture, Community, Public Service.

Wednesday, Aug 23

Candice Savino-Former VP of Engineering, Trunk Club

Candice Savino has been a leader in the tech industry, working for such companies as Trunk Club, Groupon, IBM, WMS Gaming and Encyclopedia Britannica. She became CTO at Farmer's Fridge in 2019.

ISSUES: Engineering, Female Empowerment, Technology & Science, Career Advancement, Female Empowerment.

Thursday, Aug 24

Ava Blaser- Dancer, Childhood Cancer Advocate

Ava Blaser began to dance at the age of 3, following in her older sister's footsteps, the same age she was first diagnosed with Bilateral Wilms, which is a type of kidney cancer. Following multiple rounds of chemotherapy, she was declared cancer-free in 2012. She returned to dance following her treatment and fell in love with it, saying it makes her "feel free." Six years after initially beating the disease, Blaser experienced a cancer recurrence and endured another harsh protocol of treatment but fought through it using dance as an outlet.

ISSUES: Arts & Culture, Education, Health & Fitness, Mental Health Advocacy, Female Empowerment.

Friday, Aug 25

Constance Jones - CEO, Noble Network of Charter Schools

A graduate of Harvard Business School and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Constance Jones has held management positions at Hyatt Hotels and Johnson & Johnson. Her current role is CEO of Noble Network of Charter Schools.

ISSUES: Career Advancement, Female Empowerment, Higher Education, Leadership, Public Service.

Saturday, Aug 26

Kathryn Morris- Actress, "Lilly Rush", "Cold Case"

Kathryn Morris played Detective Lilly Rush, on "Cold Case" which originally ran on CBS from 2003-2010, a role that changed everything for her. Kathryn leapt from a kid in her family's gospel choir to a household name – a journey that rapidly accelerated when she caught Steven Spielberg's eye in "The Contender" and he cast her in his 2002 neo-noir sci-fi film "Minority Report". Her other movies include "Mindhunters", "Paycheck" and "Resurrecting the Champ".

ISSUES: Entertainment, Arts & Culture, Education, Female Empowerment, Career Advancement, Community.

Sunday, Aug 27

Amy Trask- Former CEO, Oakland Raiders

Amy Trask began working for her favorite football team, the Oakland Raiders, as an intern in the legal department in 1983 while attending law school. She later landed a full-time job with the Raiders, working her way up to CEO in 1997, a first for a woman in the NFL. She left the organization in May 2013 after 30 years. Trask is an analyst for CBS Sports and CBS Sports Network, and also currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Big3, a 3-on-3 professional basketball league. Trask has also written a book, *You Negotiate Like a Girl*, on her experience as an executive in the NFL.

ISSUES: Sports, Finance & Economics, Female Empowerment, Career Advancement, Entertainment, Media.

Monday, Aug 28

Lisa Belkin- Journalist

Belkin is currently a Journalist, Author, and Teacher. She is the former Chief National Correspondent for Yahoo News. Belkin began her career at *The New York Times*, where she spent thirty years. She later moved to the *Huffington Post*, where she reported on life, work and family. Belkin authored three books, *Life's Work*, *Confessions of an Unbalanced Mom*, *First, Do No Harm*, and *Show Me a Hero*, which was made into a Golden Globe winning HBO series.

ISSUES: Journalism, Education, Arts & Entertainment

Tuesday, Aug 29

Janine Franklin-Director of Student Culture and Support , Noble Network of Charter Schools

As the new Director of Student Culture and Support at the Noble Network of Charter Schools, Janine Franklin's goals are ensuring that her students are viewed through a lens of equity and giving them a safe environment in which to thrive. She does this by using all resources to ensure those students are supported.

ISSUES: Journalism, Education, Community, Female Empowerment, News & Media, Career Advancement, DEI in Education Advocacy.

Wednesday, Aug 30

Annie Torsiglieri- Actor, Playwright & Performer

Annie Torsiglieri has appeared on Broadway in "Miss Saigon", "Top Girls", "Parade" and "Blood Brothers" and has starred in the National Tour of "Les Misérables". She has also performed in several Off-Broadway productions and at regional theaters nationwide. TV appearances include "Law & Order", "Kidnapped", and "Gossip Girl". Her autobiographical play "*A TRAIN*", about raising a son with autism, was awarded Best Production at the United Solo Festival in 2017 and "Best Encore" there in 2018.

ISSUES: Entertainment, TV & Television & Media, Theatre, Mental Health Awareness, Education, Female Empowerment, Community, Motherhood, Family.

Thursday, Aug 31

Samantha Ealy- Founder, Generation Wealthy

Samantha Ealy hit rock bottom in college, finding herself homeless after burying herself in \$70,000 of debt. Thanks to her hard work and commitment to become more financially responsible, she paid it all off in three years. She founded Generation Wealthy to help young people navigate personal finance and make smart financial decisions.

ISSUES: Finance & Economics, Pay Inequality, Female Empowerment, Loans, Education, Public Service.

Friday, Sept 1

Tracie Thoms- Actress

Tracie Thoms is a trained actor whose roles span sitcoms, musicals, movies. In 2004, Thoms was cast in the Broadway musical Rent. She went on to play Joanne Jefferson in the 2005 film adaptation. Following the success of this movie came her role as Detective Kat Miller on Cold Case.

ISSUES: Arts & Entertainment, Community, Local Services

Saturday, Sept 2

Frances Perkins/ Lara Vapnek- Professor of History, St. John's University

Lara Vapnek specializes in the 19th and 20th century history of gender and labor in the United States. Vapnek is also the author of Breadwinners: Working Women and Economic Independence, 1865-1920 (2009) and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn: Modern American Revolutionary (2015). Vapnek celebrates the Labor Movement's Frances Perkins who became the first female U.S. cabinet member in 1933 and served as Franklin Roosevelt's Secretary of Labor for his entire term until 1945. She was a chief architect of the New Deal which would help lift the country out of the Great Depression and promised workers fair wages and the right to organize.

ISSUES: Female Empowerment, History & Culture, Government & Public Policy, Community

Sunday, Sept 3

Dorothy Bolden/Vanessa May- Co-Director, Women & Gender Studies, Seton Hall University

Vanessa May, Ph.D. is Associate Professor and Co-Director of the Women and Gender Studies Program at Seton Hall University in New Jersey. She is the author of Unprotected Labor: Household Workers, Politics, and Middle Class Reform in New York 1870-1940. May celebrates the Labor Movement's Dorothy Bolden who worked as a maid and became involved in the civil rights movement. After founding the National Domestic Workers Union of America in 1968, Bolden led the group, which served more than 10,000 members around the country at its height, for nearly three decades.

ISSUES: Female Empowerment, History & Culture, Government & Public Policy, Community

Monday, Sept 4

Dolores Huerta - President, Dolores Huerta Foundation, Co-Founder, United Farm Workers

Dolores Huerta is a feminist, activist, and lobbyist who has spent her life advocating primarily for farmworker's rights, becoming one of the most influential labor leaders in American history. Huerta began her career as an educator but left her job as an

elementary school teacher after witnessing her students, mostly children of farm workers, coming to school without adequate food and clothing. It was then, in her mid-twenties, that she found her calling - advocating for the working poor.

ISSUES: Female Empowerment, History & Culture, Community, Local Advocacy

Tuesday, Sept 5

Roma Maffia- Actress

Roma Maffia first began acting in off-Broadway productions. Soon after being cast in Ron Howard's film *The Paper* she landed a role on the TV series *Chicago Hope*. Following that series, she played Grace Alvarez, the forensic pathologist for the Violent Crimes Task Force for four seasons on NBC's *Profiler*.

ISSUES: Arts & Entertainment, Female Empowerment, Community

Wednesday, Sept 6

Sheila Brown-Former Executive Director, CineCares Foundation, Cinespace Chicago Film Studios

Sheila Brown is the former Executive Director of the CineCares Foundation at Cinespace Chicago Film Studios. Prior to joining CineCares, Brown ran her own production company for 20 years working with top celebrities and brands.

ISSUES: Arts & Entertainment, Empowerment, Community, Local Services

Thursday, Sept 7

Brandi & Brittani Jackson-Physicians and Founders Med Like Me

Brandi and Brittani are twin sisters and best friends. They were separated for the first time when they attended different medical schools. The sisters reunited in Chicago after med school and are now both practicing physicians working with vulnerable populations on Chicago's West and South Sides. They also created Med Like Me as a resource to help guide minorities who may want to follow in their footsteps.

ISSUES: Health & Safety, Education, Community, Local Services

Friday, Sept 8

Ana Dutra- CEO, Mandala Global Advisors

Ana Dutra began her career at IBM. She has more than three decades of experience as a global executive, consultant, and business leader in industries such as technology, retail, apparel, manufacturing and professional services. She was the CEO of Kor/Ferry Leadership and Talent Consulting before founding her own firm, Mandala Global.

ISSUES: Business, Science & Technology, Local Services

Saturday, Sept 9

Gina Cook- Educator and Winner of My Start Story Viewer Submission Contest

Gina De Rosier Cook has embraced education ever since she took her first class at Prairie State Community College outside of Chicago. Gina had to drop out of high school after giving birth to a special needs son at the age of 15. After having another child soon afterwards, Gina was determined to provide for her family and earned her GED. She went on to work in the higher education industry and in 2018 earned her doctorate degree in education. She is currently Dean of Workforce Development and Continuing Education at Elgin Community College, Elgin IL.

ISSUES: Family, Female Empowerment, Education, Career Development

Sunday, Sept 10

Lillah McCarthy- Television Executive

When Lillah McCarthy moved to Los Angeles, she had every intention of becoming an actress. It wasn't long into her life in California, however, that she learned she'd rather be on the other side of the camera. McCarthy went on to work for TNT, having a hand in creating some of the most iconic characters. Her first success story was The Closer.

ISSUES: Arts & Entertainment, Local Services, Community

Monday, Sept 11

Tara Poremba- Police Officer and canine trainer Chicago Police Department

Tara Poremba got her start in the Marine Corps. After her time in the Marines, Poremba combined the two career paths she had always wanted to follow: Being a police officer and working with animals. In 1995, Poremba became the first woman in the history of the Chicago Police Department to become "Top Gun" of her graduating class. She now trains and handles dogs for the Chicago Police department.

ISSUES: Law Enforcement, Animals, Female Empowerment, Community

Tuesday, Sept 12

Iris Grossman- Talent Agent Echo Lake Entertainment

Iris Grossman is a renowned talent agent currently working with Echo Lake Entertainment as a manager and producer.

ISSUES: Arts & Entertainment, Community, Female Empowerment

Wednesday, Sept 13

Dionne Warwick- Singer

Dionne Warwick is an award-winning singer best known for her hits "Walk On By," "Alfie," "I Say A Little Prayer" and "Do You Know the Way to San Jose". She is second only to Aretha Franklin as the most charted female singer of all time.

ISSUES: Arts & Entertainment, Female Empowerment, Community, Local Services

Thursday, Sept 14

Katharine Zaleski- Founder, Power To Fly

After the birth of her child Katharine Zaleski realized that it was harder to be taken seriously in the workforce while also juggling her family life. She decided to leave journalism and start her own organization, PowerToFly, in an effort to elevate women's careers through community.

ISSUES: Family, Career Development, Education, Female Empowerment, Community, Local Services

Friday, Sept 15

Antoinette Alcazar- Patrol Officer Chicago Police Department

Antoinette Alcazar is a patrol officer with the Chicago Police Department. She moved to the U.S. when she was 11 years old as a political refugee from Chile. Later in life, Alcazar struggled as a mom in a bad marriage and survived cancer. A self-taught artist, she also enjoys expressing herself through her painting.

ISSUES: Law Enforcement, Female Empowerment, Community, Arts & Entertainment

Saturday, Sept 16

Ina Pinkney- The Breakfast Queen/Chef

At 37 years old, she baked her first cake. Not only was she good at it, but it led to a career. In the 1980's she opened up her own fine dining breakfast restaurant in Chicago, which lasted for over 30 years.

ISSUES: Food & Nutrition, Female Empowerment, Community, Local Services

Sunday, Sept 17

Megan Cunniff Church- Trial Attorney

Megan Cunniff Church is a trial attorney, representing clients in criminal and civil litigation, as well as regulatory matters. She is a former federal prosecutor, working for many years in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Illinois. There, she prosecuted a wide range of federal crimes, ranging from wire and bank fraud to money laundering, cybercrimes, and human trafficking.

ISSUES: Law, Community, Health & Safety

Monday, Sept 18

Vallori O'Neil- Locomotive Engineer

Vallorie O'Neil became the first female engineer for the Burlington Northern Railroad in 1977. She later joined Metra Commuter Rail in Chicago, where she became their first female engineer and eventually the first female Senior Train Master – a supervisor position. Her decades-long career was filled with both racism and sexism and is detailed in her book *The Climb Up*.

ISSUES: Female Empowerment, Engineering, Community, Leadership

Tuesday, Sept 19

Suzanne Tracht- Chef & Owner, Jar Restaurant

Suzanne Tracht began cooking professionally at 19 when she began her apprenticeship at the four-star Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa. From there, she moved to California's legendary Hotel Bel-Air. She served as sous chef and then chef de cuisine for various popular Los Angeles restaurants before opening her first restaurant Jozu. She opened her latest chophouse restaurant Jar in 2001.

ISSUES: Food & Nutrition, Community, Local Services

Wednesday, Sept 20

Tai Duncan- Attorney, Coach, Consultant

As an attorney, basketball coach and consultant, Tai Duncan epitomizes the notion of giving it your all.

ISSUES: Law, Sports & Recreation, Community, Local Services

Thursday, Sept 21

Antonia Lofaso- Chef

Antonia Lofaso is a successful restaurateur and chef, cookbook author and TV personality. Lofaso has appeared on Top Chef: Chicago and Top Chef: All Stars.

ISSUES: Food & Nutrition, Community, Local Services, Arts & Entertainment

Friday, Sept 22

Shanésia Davis-Actress

Shanésia Davis is best known for her role as Marissa Clark on Early Edition. She has also been featured in Proven Innocent, The Chi and Empire

ISSUES: Arts & Entertainment, Community, Female Empowerment

Saturday, Sept 23

Emilia DiMenco- President & CEO of the Women's Business Development Center

As President & CEO of the Women's Business Development Center, Emilia DiMenco's mission is to support and accelerate business development and growth for women and minorities. With her decades-long career in banking, DiMenco's business and financial background serves the women well.

ISSUES: Finance & Economics, Female Empowerment, Business, Community, Local Services

Sunday, Sept 24

Marsha Warfield- Comedian & Actress

Having a smart mouth has always served Marsha Warfield well. She became one of Hollywood's best known stand-up comedians, working with Richard Pryor and later, began an acting career. Warfield is best known for her role as bailiff Roz Russell on Night Court.

ISSUES: Arts & Entertainment, Community, Female Empowerment

Monday, Sept 25

Deborah Amos- International Correspondent, NPR

Deborah Amos is an international correspondent for National Public Radio (NPR) and has been for decades. From Beirut and Baghdad to Amman and Cairo, Amos has reported on nearly every major story in the Middle East since 1982.

ISSUES: Journalism, International Relations, Community, Local Services

Tuesday, Sept 26

Anissa Gray- Novelist

Anissa Gray finished graduate school with a master's in English and went on to work as a print reporter at Reuters, covering global financial news. She later moved into broadcast journalism, joining CNN as a writer, editor, and producer, where she received both Emmy and duPont Awards for her contributions. After 20 years as a news journalist, Anissa pursued her passion for storytelling and wrote her first novel *The Care and Feeding of Ravenously Hungry Girls*, which was published in early 2019.

ISSUES: Journalism, Arts & Entertainment, Community, Local Services

Wednesday, Sept 27

Sherry Yard- 3X James Beard Winner, Chef, Author

Sherry Yard is the recipient of three James Beard awards. Yard has also published *Desserts by the Yard*; *From Brooklyn to Beverly Hills*; *Recipes from the Sweetest Life Ever*; and *The Secrets of Baking: Simple Techniques for Sophisticated Desserts*.

ISSUES: Food & Nutrition, Community, Local Services

Thursday, Sept 28

Christy Webber- President, Christy Webber Landscape

Christy Webber always planned to be a P.E. teacher but after just one year, she was reevaluating what to do with her life. She started up a mowing business in the Chicago area. The modest company that began with two employees and a lawnmower and has now grown into a multi-million dollar corporation employing more than 400 people, with high-profile clients ranging from The United Center, both Midway and O'Hare Airports, to Navy Pier and Millennium Park.

ISSUES: Female Empowerment, Business, Community, Local Services

Friday, Sept 29

Andrea Zopp- President & CEO, World Business Chicago

Andrea Zopp is the president & CEO of World Business Chicago, where she runs the city's economic development organization. Zopp is a fierce advocate and passionate about making sure people have opportunities.

ISSUES: Finance & Economics, Business, Community, Local Services

Saturday, Sept 30

Esther Franklin- EVP, Spark Foundry

Esther Franklin started her trailblazing career in advertising at Burrrell Communications before joining Leo Burnett in 1993. She has been instrumental in advertising campaigns for brands including Marriott International, Macy's, and Southwest Airlines. She currently serves as President, Global Strategy and Cultural Fluency at Spark Foundry.

ISSUES: Arts & Entertainment, Community, Female Empowerment, Leadership