

# **Quarterly Issues & Programs Report**

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## January

1/1/2023

Jenny Reichart of Richland Community College joined Byers & Co and talks about the various programs covered by her role as Executive Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging. Braun Sheets of Millikin University joined Byers & Co to talk about their class offerings to the public as part of the Millikin Community Arts Academy. Sarah Frey and Ryan Sibert of Memorial Health Home Medical Supply joined Byers & Co to talk about winterizing mobility scooters and other ways they help make life more accessible for people at home and on the move.

1/8/2023

Meredith Johnson-Palmer, Jody Burtnett, and Jody Hall of Richland Community College joined Byers & Co to talk about the ways they offer support for students of all ages, help in enrolling, financial aid, and services for veterans. Shelby Baum of Millikin University joined Byers & Co to talk about their upcoming campus visit day, all of the deals they are offering prospective students, and the variety of programs available at the university. Brigitta Kapp of the Millikin Homestead joined Byers & Co to talk about their "No Room at the Inn" event that features over 75 nativity sets from around the world and a last chance of the season for guests to see the home decorated for Christmas.

1/15/2023

Dale Colee joined Byers & Co to discuss the Stone Thrown Forward Foundation. Natalie Beck of the Community Foundation and Ashley Grayned of Decatur Public Schools joined Byers & Co to announce a generous donation of \$150,000 to the prep academy to help students complete an associate's degree while enrolled in high school thanks to Dave Snoeyenbos and Elizabeth Jeffery! Andrew Taylor and Jason Dion of the DPS 61 School Board joined Byers & Co to talk about Andrew's reasons for leaving the board, the appointment of Fred Spannaus to fill Regan Lewis' seat, board continuity, and what is next for the board.

1/22/2023

Ashley Grayned of Decatur Public Schools joined Byers & Co to talk about how they are being purposeful with their Innovative Programs, and the newest Prep Academy Cohort. John Oliver of Richland Community College and James Rhodes of ADM joined Byers & Co to talk about their shared PTEC program where ADM will hire candidates who will split time at Richland training for 28 weeks while receiving pay and benefits. Zach Sowa of Memorial Urgent Care joined Byers & Co to talk about virtual care services and features of their app to help make healthcare more easily accessible.

1/29/2023

Johns Hill principal Rob Prange, teacher Jennifer Thies, and student Isabella Springer talk about the expanded theater, drama, and arts integration programs. Raphaella Prange of Millikin University joined Byers & Co to talk about the campus during snowy weather, the Thomas W. Ewing lecture series that will feature holocaust survivor Sami Steigmann, events for Black and Women's history months, civic discourse week, and other events on campus. Dr. Juanita Morris joined Byers & Co to talk about the perspective gained through aging and camping and the latest with DCLI.

## **February**

2/5/2023

Rikki Parker of the Children's Museum of Illinois joined Byers & Co to talk about their Mardi Gras events that include a night of themed cuisine and activities for adults and a golf car parade for the kids. Dale Colee of Pharmacy Facts with Friends joined Byers & Co to talk about new store hours and previews tonight's show that will feature Zach Murphy and Amanda Honn of Catholic Charities and Tom Brinkoetter. Dr. Casey Becker of DMH joined Byers & Co to talk about American Heart Month, offers tips for improving heart health, gives things to look for, and details improvements on technology that help diagnose and combat heart issues.

2/12/2023

Denise Swarouth of Decatur Public Schools and Cathy Briggs of Montessori Academy for Peace joined Byers & Co to talk about the hiring fair, careers in the district, and the joys of being in the classroom with 750 kids throughout the day. Debbie Bogle of the United Way joined Byers & Co to talk about a study that has determined the most stressful time of day, and United Way's community investment and campaigns. Scott Broyles and Emma Roark of Richland Community College joined Byers & Co to talk about their 50 Days of Wellness Challenge.

2/19/2023

Young Leaders in Action student members Weston Grohne, Anya Ireland, Lexi Marion, and Morgan Perkins joined Byers & Co to talk about their experiences in the organization and their grant-awarding program aimed at impacting student mental wellness. Drew Early of DMH Memorial Health joined Byers & Co to talk about the changes in the local healthcare landscape and the focus on heart awareness during the month of February. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe joined Byers & Co to talk about public transportation, emergency response, gambling, neighborhood revitalization, public safety, and fire union contracts.

2/26/2023

IL Comptroller Susana Mendoza joined Byers & Co to discuss the States recent credit rating upgrade. The State of Illinois has received a total of 7 credit rating upgrades from S&P Global over the past 2 years. Greg Webb, Vice President, State Government Relations at ADM, Zach Shields, Executive Director, Decatur Public Schools Foundation, Becca Merrill, Lead Ag Instructor (MacArthur High School) and Owen Raleigh, FFA Student at MacArthur High School, joined Byers & Co to discuss National FFA Week ( Feb. 18-25) and ADM's Career Day for DPS61 High School Students (Feb. 24). Rocki Wilkerson of Workforce Investment Solutions joined Byers & Co to discuss the help available to workers affected by the Akorn closure.

## **March**

3/5/2023

Rachel Moran of the Community Foundation and Danielle Diskey of the Decatur Family YMCA joined Byers & Co to talk about the foundation's sponsored appearance of the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy for a Principals and Techniques of Fundraising class for local nonprofits. Executive Director of Oncology Services at Decatur Memorial Hospital, Calvin Robinson, joined Byers & Co to talk about their free colon cancer test kit distribution event. Mackenzie Dixon of Millikin University joined Byers & Co to talk about her storied track & field career as a student at the school, her work as a Coordinator in the Office of Campus Life, and events celebrating Women's History Month throughout the month of March.

3/12/2023

Rachel Moran of the Community Foundation joined Byers & Co to talk about the awarding of their Community Works Grants, her background, and the satisfying work they do helping people. Jennifer Ballinger of ADM Cares joined Byers & Co to talk about \$700K in funding in support of Decatur-area nonprofit organizations and education programs for 2023. This year, close to 30 nonprofit organizations and schools will be the recipients of grants, supporting programs, and activities throughout Decatur and surrounding central Illinois communities. Professional wrestler, Cameron Cooper of Mt Zion, joined Byers & Co to talk about his upcoming live Sliderz Showdown wrestling event where all proceeds will go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

3/19/2023

Rachel Moran of the Community Foundation and Ricki Parker of the Children's Museum joined Byers & Co to talk about the Gallery of Hope project where children will be making art with mental wellness as a focus. The project is supported by the Community Foundation of Macon County. Millikin University's Raphaella Prange and Nicole Wood of HSHS St. Mary's joined Byers & Co to talk about the opening of the HSHS Health Center on Millikin's campus. Katie Myers and Megan Dickerson of the Decatur Park District and Senior Perform! performer Grace Smith-Phillips joined Byers & Co to talk about the Perform! performance of Disney's Newsies and other upcoming spring events.

3/26/2023

Lauren Young joined Byers & Co to talk about the legacy of Dr. Joseph Schrodt, the Pharmacy Freedom of Speech Bill, and previews Pharmacy Facts with Friends. Richland's Jody Hall, Director of Financial Aid & Veterans Affairs and Hannah Church, Student Success Coach, joined Byers & Co to discuss registration for summer & fall. On Monday, March 27, current Students & Veterans can register for courses and on Monday, April 3, new & returning students can register for courses. They also discussed the help available through their career coaches and assistance in navigating financial aid. Tatum Plain of the Macon-Piatt Special Education District and Kelsie Wujek of Macon Resources talk about their Disabilities Service Expo event.