

# AROUND THE ARC

May/June 2024



**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...**

**May 27 Holiday - Monday**  
Memorial Day observed

**June 19 Holiday - Wednesday**  
Juneteenth observed

**July 4 Holiday - Thursday**  
Independence Day observed

## MAY EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

Tracey McGinty	May 15	28 years
Daniel Hannah	May 25	17 years
Toney Hickman	May 30	16 years
Blanca Mejia	May 26	14 years
Michael Glanz	May 23	8 years
Kianna Jones	May 18	8 years
Diana Meade	May 18	8 years
James Maloney	May 3	7 years
Amy Downing	May 2	6 years
Michelle Uphold	May 13	4 years
Angela Kennedy	May 3	3 years
Miyanna Walls	May 26	3 years
Dustin Smith	May 25	2 years
Ceiera Butler	May 10	1 year
Regina Patterson-Stewart	May 10	1 year
Qunitta Jones	May 10	1 year
Brent Thurman	May 10	1 year
Kailee Riley	May 10	1 year
Nicolas Hill	May 10	1 year
David Dowell	May 10	1 year

## JUNE EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

Queyn Huynh	June 30	38 years
Michael Williams	June 19	33 years
Rochelle Plumb	June 9	32 years
Rashima Newman	June 30	20 years
Alexander Hays	June 1	15 years
Matthew Fredericks	June 5	11 years
Ashlee Fuller	June 17	9 years
Schalene Schee	June 1	8 years
Samantha Hamor	June 1	8 years
Yasmine Berry	June 15	8 years
Alisa Robertson	June 12	5 years
Elizabeth York	June 26	5 years
Kane Wildermuth	June 10	4 years
Matthew Elliott	June 17	3 years
Elizabeth Jones	June 30	3 years
Carlotta Bond	June 8	2 years
Carly Ater Laird	June 8	2 years
Michelle Kresin	June 8	2 years
Ricardo Mendez	June 8	2 years
Cale Barnes	June 8	2 years
Lori Ehlers	June 22	2 years
Claire Barton	June 22	2 years
Stephen Irwin	June 7	1 year
Terri Hoon	June 21	1 year

## 2024 UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 7-21** Martin Luther King two-week food drive  
Drop off all QC Hy-Vee locations, libraries, The Arc Building & more
- June 10** Charity Golf Outing at Oakwood Country Club
- June 10** Disability Awareness Night with QC River Bandits
- August 2** Catalyst Awards, Botanical Center
- Sept 5** The Arc sponsors Soul Storm at Schwiebert Park concert series
- Nov 9** Trivia Night at Holiday Inn Rock Island



# WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

Heather MacDonald  
Dorian Poole  
Zachary Rycykeghem  
Megan Dalton  
Kizzie Gilmore  
Gabriella Moran

Madelyn Clark  
Tina DeMay  
Travontae Williams  
Mary Matheson  
Dalonna Holt  
Antwanette Heard

Nannette Sims  
Ariel Neitzel  
Irene Carruthers  
Beyonce Smallwood  
Ayana Hancock



## May

**Music & Entertainment:** May 7, 1970 – The Beatle's last album is released- "Long and Winding Road".  
**Politics, Law & War:** May 20, 1862 The Homestead Act was signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln in the midst of the Civil War. This act encouraged expansion to the west by granting land to settlers who agreed to cultivate and improve it.  
**Discovery & Inventions:** May 6, 1833 John Deere produces the first steel plow.



**Sports:** May 16, 1985 Michael Jordan is named "NBA Rookie of the Year".  
**Random Facts:** No US President has ever died in the month of May to date.

## June

**Music & Entertainment:** June 11, 1982 the movie E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial was released.  
**Politics, Law & War:** June 6, 1944 WWII D-Day Allied forces successfully landed in Normandy, France.  
**Discovery & Inventions:** June 10, 1752 is the date attributed to Benjamin Franklin's discovery of electricity while flying a kite in a lightning storm.  
**Sports:** June 28, 1977 during a heavyweight boxing match, Mike Tyson bites Evander Holyfield's ear. Tyson was disqualified, and later suspended from boxing.  
**Random Facts:** June 17, 1885 the Statue of Liberty arrived disassembled in New York City. See more on the next page!

## EMPLOYEE TRAINING



## TRAINING NOTICE

All trainings are mandatory. Staff will be informed of upcoming trainings via SCOMM in Therap. Any staff more than 10 minutes late to class will be sent away, rescheduled and may be subject to disciplinary action.

*Diana Meade*  
HR Training & Development Specialist

## IT'S KIND OF A BIG DEAL

**ALL EMPLOYEES!  
SAVE THE DATE!**



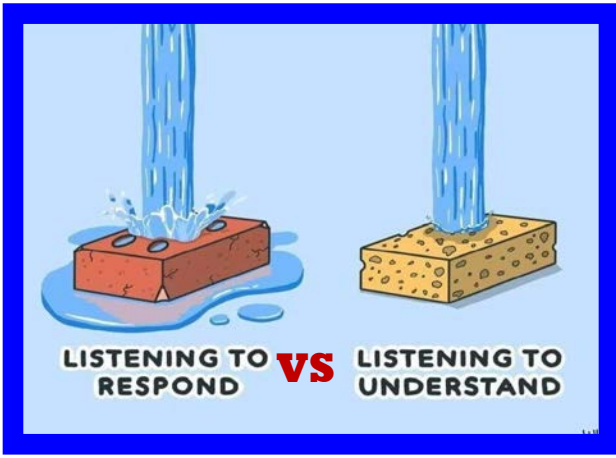
**JULY 18, 2024**  
The Arc  
of the Quad Cities Area  
Employee Recognition  
& Award Banquet

**ALL EMPLOYEES!  
SAVE THE DATE!**

**WHERE:** Black Hawk Lodge  
1510 46<sup>th</sup> Ave, Rock Island, IL 61201

Lunch session: 11:45 to 1:30 PM  
Dinner session: 4:45 – 6:30 PM






**QUAD CITIES**  
CORPORATE GAMES

Lets get it rolling!

Interested staff please register at  
[www.qccorporategames.org](http://www.qccorporategames.org)  
Our company code is QCARC

You will need to sign a waiver to be able to participate in any event!

**Special Olympics** 

2024 Special Olympics Track & Field athletes have been practicing diligently for the regional meet coming up in Monmouth on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The Arc would like to give a big **THANK YOU** to Kathleen Anderson & Tracey McGinty for serving as lead coaches, and to all the volunteers and helpers who make it happen! **GO TEAM!**



The statue is a figure of Libertas, the Roman goddess of liberty. She was a gift from the people of France, and arrived in New York City by ship on June 17, 1885. She holds a torch above her head with her right hand.



In her left hand carries a *tabula ansata* inscribed JULY IV MDCCLXXVI (July 4, 1776, in Roman numerals), which is the date of the U.S. Declaration of Independence.




A broken chain and shackle lie at her feet as she walks forward, commemorating the national abolition of slavery following the American Civil War.

After its dedication, the statue became an icon of freedom and of the United States, being subsequently seen as a symbol of welcome to immigrants arriving by sea.



Emma Lazarus, a Jewish American author of poetry, prose, translations and an activist for Jewish causes, was involved in charitable work for refugees. Born July 22, 1849 in New York City, she wrote the sonnet "The New Colossus" in 1883, which appears inscribed on a bronze plaque on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty.

**The New Colossus**  
*Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,  
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;  
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand  
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name  
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand  
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.  
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!"  
cries she with silent lips.  
"Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ANNAH MILLER!**

Annah is an intern from Augustana College, and will be graduating in May with a BSW. This year Annah has spent time working with several departments at The Arc, including the CES department. For one of her projects, Annah constructed a job group lesson plan on working with animals. Thank you for all of your hard work, Annah!

**POINT OF VIEW**

**DARCI SIMONS** *Quality Supports & Billing Coordinator*  
Thank you to everyone who attended Therap Refresher training. It was a pleasure to meet and work with you all. Thank you for participating during trainings, giving me feedback and even teaching me some things that I did not know. You are all so appreciated, and I look forward to future trainings with you.

**SUE McCABE** *Director Government Contracting & Compliance*  
Remember to count your blessings.  
It can turn your life around.

**FREEDOM JANNSEN** *Assistant Residential Supervisor*  
My mother lived by "if you are not 5 minutes early, then you are late", and as a rule I now try to be early. Another quote that I now follow as I journey through my life is "You are worth the time it takes to learn a new skill". I am able to do so many things because I have always enjoyed *learning* something new.

**JAMES CRAWFORD** *QC Flex Production Manager*  
With the name change from Arc Industries to QC Flex, other things have changed, as well. Change can be useful, welcome, even inspiring. That being said, I read something by a famous playwright and critic that is pertinent...

*"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything."*  
~~ George Bernard Shaw

**MATT FREDERICKS**, *Division Director Community Programs & Work Services*  
*"If you live for their acceptance, you'll die from their rejection. Be prepared for the fact that not everyone will agree or understand what or why you're building the vision inside of you.  
Not everyone will be here to cosign or clap for it. Build anyway."*  
~~Javier Babin

