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Why Choose Belstar

- Core Values
 - Trust - Faith In Others
 - Shared Values – Common Goals
 - Effective Communication - Good Listeners
 - Humble Leadership – Shared Spotlight
 - Empowerment - All of the above
- *By Lon Solomon (3/5/2000)

Maya Angelou

Maya Angelou died May 28, 2014 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, at the age of 86. Hailed as a global Renaissance Woman. She was a renowned poet, novelist, educator, performer, and civil rights activist. From 1954–1955 Angelou toured Europe with a production of the George Gershwin opera "Porgy And Bess," and in 1957 released her first album, *Calypso Lady*. In 1969 Angelou published her internationally acclaimed autobiography *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings*. In 1972 she wrote the screenplay and composed the score for the 1972 film *Georgia, Georgia*. Her script, the first by an African American woman ever to be filmed, was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. Angelou received more than 30 honorary degrees and numerous awards, including the National Medal of Arts in 2000 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2010. Belstar would like to pay tribute to this fearless and uninhibited trailblazer, who broke color and gender barriers through her passionate and articulate prose and poetry.

Military Appreciation Month

May was National Military Appreciation Month, a time for civilians and service members alike to show appreciation for those individuals who have served their country by joining the military. May was selected because it has the most days set aside for celebrating and commemorating military achievements, such as Loyalty Day, Victory in Europe (VE) Day, Armed Forces Day, Military Spouse Appreciation Day and, of course, Memorial Day.

This celebration, which began in 1999, ensures the nation is given the opportunity to publically demonstrate appreciation for members of the armed services, past and present. Each year the president makes a proclamation, reminding Americans of the important role the U.S. Armed Forces have played in the history and development of our country. Please join Belstar in thanking and celebrating our nation's military for their sacrifices and successes.

Click [here](#) for more information about Military Appreciation Month.

Asian and Pacific Islander History Month

Belstar would like to acknowledge Asian-Pacific Heritage Month which was celebrated in May. May marks the anniversary of the first Japanese immigration to the United States on May 7, 1843. Also, the completion of the transcontinental railroad occurred on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

Asian-Pacific Heritage Month originated in a congressional bill in June 1977. On October 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a Joint Resolution designating the annual celebration. Eventually, President George H.W. Bush signed an extension to turn the week-long celebration into one that lasted a month. The official designation of May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month was signed into law in 1992.

Click [here](#) for more information regarding Asian-Pacific Heritage Month.

- Facility/ Program / Project / Construction Management / Cost Engineering / Cost Management / Dispute Resolutions and Claims Analysis / Scheduling

- 27 Year Record of Performance

- Fees average 20% for Office / 15% for Field Below similar-sized firms

The Rest of Our Team:

- DeSmet Legal and Blackthorn Law Group
- MacConel & Dodd CPA
- EagleBank Banking needs

National Women's Health Week

May 11-17, 2014 was National Women's Health Week. Belstar would like to acknowledge this initiative which empowers women to make their health a priority. National Women's Health Week also serves as a time to help women understand what it means to be well.

What does it mean to be a well woman? It means being as healthy as you can be and taking these important steps to improve physical and mental health:

- Visit a health care professional to receive regular checkups and preventive screenings
- Get active
- Eat healthy
- Pay attention to mental health, including getting enough sleep and managing stress
- Avoid unhealthy behaviors, such as smoking, texting while driving, and not wearing a seatbelt or bicycle helmet

Spread the word about Women's Health Week:

- **Share it** via social media
- **Email it** to family and friends
- **Post it** to your blog or website

Click [here](#) to learn more about National Women's Health!

SOME, Inc. (So Others Might Eat)

Summer can be a very dangerous time for the homeless, particularly for the elderly and those with poor health. The hot, humid summers in Washington, DC present the very real dangers of heatstroke and dehydration to our homeless population. We hope you will consider donating to this worthwhile organization to help our homeless stay safe in the heat this summer.

DONATE NOW!

Project Wins

- Thompson + Litton awarded Belstar a cost estimating assignment at VMI for the relocation of the 1927 built American Legion Building.

Click [here](#) to see a comprehensive list of Belstar's 2013 project wins at www.Belstar.com

Charitable Donations

Compassion for the benefit of Rose-Carlina Petit-Frere
Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance – Political Action Committee

Promotions & Recognitions

Belstar would like to congratulate the following individuals for their achievements:

- **Parsons Brinkerhoff World** (PB World) sent out a publically released good comment letter about the successful completion of the Woodrow Wilson

Bridge Replacement Project. Belstar was a member of the Potomac Crossing Consultants (PCC) team, which was the General Engineering Consultant for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), District Department of Transportation (DDOT), Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). The PCC team was led by PB World, URS, and Rummel Klepper & Kahl (RK&K).

- The Program Manager for AECOM-Parsons (JV) team complemented **Elena Sarychev** on her job performance. Belstar sent Elena a letter of appreciation. Belstar is a member of the AECOM-Parsons team.

Mentor Protégé Spotlight

- Congratulations to **Belcher Consultants, Inc.** and **Cedar EMC, Inc.** on their upcoming eighth anniversaries in October 2014.
- Congratulations to **Belcher Assessments and Project Controls, Holland Home Improvement, James Young FF, Jarrett Contracting,** and **Millennium Associates** on their sixth anniversaries in 2014.
- Congratulations to **Belstar Cost Estimating, LLC (BCE)** and **M.A. + Associates, LLC** on their upcoming seventh anniversaries in 2014.

Congratulations to all of the Belstar Mentor Protégés for their continued success!

ACE Mentor Program

Belstar is a sponsor of the Architecture, Construction and Engineering (ACE) Mentor Program of the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area. This program has volunteer mentor teams that go to area high schools and engage students in hands-on industry-related activities and construction site tours, encouraging them to consider careers in architecture, construction and engineering.

Support of the award-winning ACE Mentor Program, and initiatives like the scholarship awards, have inspired interest in the architecture, construction and engineering fields within the next generation, increased high school graduation rates, and have sent amazing students on to continue their studies in higher education.

The ACE Mentor Program of Washington, DC held its annual Scholarship Awards Breakfast on Friday May 9, 2014. At the breakfast, local area high school students were recognized with scholarship awards for their outstanding commitment to architecture, construction, and engineering, as well as their overall academic achievement. Belstar would like to congratulate scholarship winner, Ivan Sando, who won the scholarship sponsored by Belstar. Although Ivan is currently undecided as to which college he will attend, he plans to major in Engineering.

Click [here](#) for more information about the ACE Mentor Program of the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area, Inc.

Click [here](#) to make a general donation to the program.

The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête

Belstar is a sponsor of The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête. This event celebrates the contributions of several individuals who make Washington better through their contributions as designers, advocates, and clients. It is a black-tie event that includes a cocktail reception, a seated dinner and awards program, and a dessert buffet.

This year's honorees include Suman Sorg, FAIA, Allen Y. Lew, City Administrator of the District of Columbia, Susan Piedmont-Palladino, Professor and Curator, and Ryan McEnroe, AIA, ASLA. Along with celebrating the contributions of these worthy individuals, the Fall Design Fête supports the Washington Architectural Foundation's education and community outreach programs. Whether they are helping children understand design through their curriculum enrichment program in the DC schools, or aiding a nonprofit to better serve its own constituency with a well-designed space, the Foundation helps makes a difference in the local Washington community.

If you would like to support this noble cause, please email Joe Sacco, AIA (joseph.sacco@aecom.com) who will coordinate your donation that will go to: Mary Fitch WAF 421 7th Street, NW Washington DC 20004.

The Washington Architectural Foundation thanks you for your support of the Fall Design Fête. The Washington Architectural Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Contributions are tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations.

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- Be sure to visit www.Belstar.com for more information regarding Belstar's summer internship program.
- Also watch for an updated listing of Belstar's past and present projects in the [Project Experience section](#).