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## Why Choose Belstar

## Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15 – October 15, 2016. It is during this time that we recognize the profound and positive influence Hispanic and Latino Americans have had on our country. Their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work and service has enhanced and shaped our national character.

In 1968, during President Lyndon Johnson's presidency, Hispanic Heritage Month started as Hispanic Heritage Week. President Ronald Reagan expanded the celebration to a 30-day period in 1988. On August 17, 1988, the observation was enacted into law. It begins each year on September 15 because that is the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico, Chile and Belize also celebrate their independence during this time. Columbus Day (Día de la Raza) is October 12.

Belstar encourages you to share in this special annual tribute by celebrating and learning about the generations of Hispanic and Latino Americans who have enriched our nation and society.

Click [here](#) for more information about Hispanic Heritage Month  
Click [here](#) for Hispanic Heritage Month Fun Facts

## Project Wins

- Chubb Consulting Group awarded Belstar a project in Milan, Italy.

Click [here](#) to see a comprehensive list of Belstar's 2016 project wins at [www.Belstar.com](http://www.Belstar.com)

## Charitable Donations

- American Red Cross – For Benefit of Louisiana Flood Victims
- DC Water – For Annual Picnic
- College Bound Athletics Inc. – In support of Taylor Mullins
- Compassion – For Benefit of Rose-Carlina Petit-Frere
- Fairfax FOP – General Contribution
- Transportation DBE Advisory Committee of Virginia – For 9/17/16 Picnic
- Washington Architectural Foundation – 2016 Fall Design Fete

## Promotions & Recognitions

Please join Belstar in welcoming Cliff Everett to the onsite team at Baltimore Washington International Airport on the Connector D-E terminal project.

## The Washington Architectural Foundation's

- 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)

- Facility/ Program / Project / Construction Management / Cost Engineering / Cost Management / Dispute Resolutions and Claims Analysis / Scheduling
- 30 Year Record of Performance
- Fees average 20% for combined Office / 15% for Field Below similar-sized firms

### The Rest of Our Team:

- DeSmet Legal, LLC and Blackthorn Law Group
- EagleBank Banking needs
- Hertzbach & Company, P.A.
- MacConel & Dodd CPA

## Fall Design Fête

Belstar is a sponsor of the fourth annual Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête, which will be held November 18, 2016 at the Library of Congress. This event celebrates 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, awards program, and a dessert buffet.

This year's honorees include:

**Graham Davidson, FAIA** - 2016 Centennial Medal Award for distinguished service to the Chapter, community, and profession

**Kojo Nnamdi, NPR Radiohost** - 2016 Glenn Brown Award for improving the quality of life in DC and raising awareness of architecture and its benefits to society

**Janet Bloomberg, AIA** - 2016 John 'Wieb' Wiebenson Award for Architecture in the Public Interest

**Abigail Brown, AIA** - 2016 Emerging Architects Award for exceptional leadership early in a career

**Luis Velez Alvarez, AIA** - 2016 Emerging Architects Award for exceptional leadership early in a career

Along with celebrating 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 make a difference in the local Washington community.

For more information or to make a sponsorship gift, please contact Mary Fitch at [mfitch@aiadc.com](mailto:mfitch@aiadc.com) or 202-347-9403.

Click [here](#) for sponsorship options.

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.

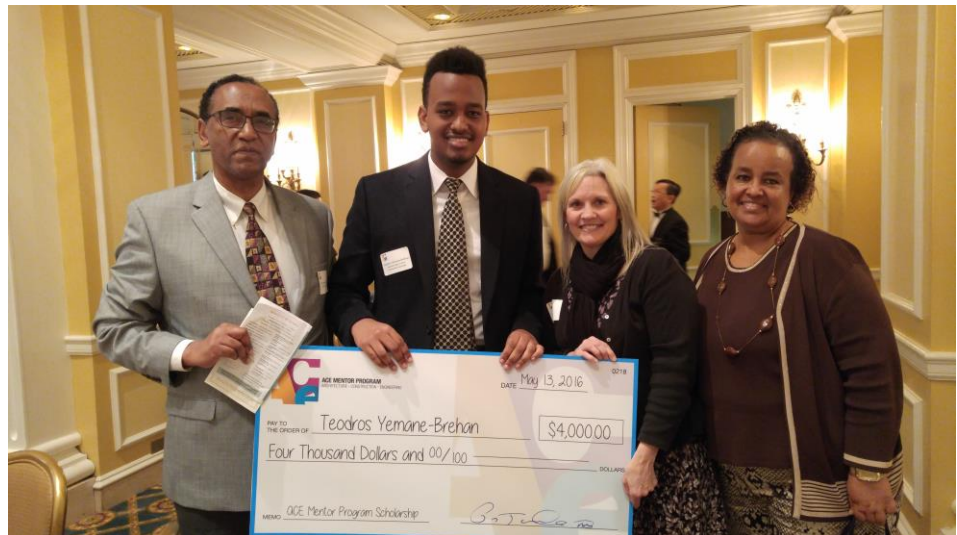
## ACE Mentor Program

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.

The ACE Mentor Program of Washington, DC held its 16th Annual ACE DC Scholarship Awards Breakfast on Friday, May 13, 2016. The breakfast was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Willard Intercontinental Hotel in Washington, DC.

After opening comments by Mr. Paul Choquette, III, Board President, the Keynote Speaker was Mr. Shalom Baranes. Mr. Baranes is the founding principal of Shalom Baranes Associates. His commitment to fostering urban revitalization has established him as a recognized leader in Washington, DC's rejuvenation. His work has led to transformative changes throughout the area. Mr. Baranes has authored articles and lectured extensively on design, urban planning and preservation issues. He was one of the youngest architects ever elevated to the American Institute of Architects College of fellows and has been appointed to serve on the National Peer Review Panel by GSA.

The Program continued with the presentation of the scholarship awards. 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, Mr. Teodros Yemani-Brehan, an Architect major, who won the scholarship sponsored by Belstar, known as the Daniel J. Belcher, Sr. and James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. Wilson Elser, LLP was also a contributor to this scholarship.



Mr. & Mrs. Yemani-Brehan and their son, Mr. Teodros Yemani-Brehan, and Belstar's Gina M. Welc

Belstar would like to take this opportunity to thank our clients that did contribute to this worthy cause! Your generosity has definitely made a difference in helping our high school students reach their goals!

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

Belstar personnel have served on the ACE Mentor Washington Chapter Board of Directors for almost two decades!

Please consider making a donation to this very worthy organization. Many young people's lives will be changed by your contributions. Please click [here](#) to make a general donation to the program or for more information about the ACE Mentor Program, Washington, DC.

## Mentor Protégé Spotlight

- Congratulations to **Belcher Consultants, Inc.** and **Cedar EMC, Inc.** on their upcoming tenth anniversaries this October.
- Congratulations to **Belcher Assessments and Project Controls**, **Belstar Cost Estimating, LLC (BCE)**, **Holland Home Improvement**, **James Young FF**, **Jarrett Contracting, M.A. + Associates, LLC**, and **Millennium Associates** on their ninth anniversaries in 2016.

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

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- Be sure to visit [www.Belstar.com](http://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**.