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Special Announcements

Belstar would like to acknowledge National Mentoring Month (January), African American History Month (February), and Women's History Month (March):

National Mentoring Month

Mentoring is a large part of how Belstar gives back to the community, offering formal and informal mentoring of firms, as well as internship opportunities. Beginning in 2002, January was designated as National Mentoring Month. This observance gives us an opportunity to focus on increasing the number of mentors available, making sure young people have dependable examples to look up to and follow in their communities. Other goals of this observance are:

- Raising awareness of mentoring in its various forms;
- Recruiting individuals to mentor, especially in programs that have waiting lists of young people; and,
- Promoting the rapid growth of mentoring by recruiting organizations to engage their constituents in mentoring.

If you would like to become an active advocate, click here for more details on what you can do in your community. For more information about National Mentoring Month, please visit: https://www.mentoring.org/

African American History Month

African American History Month is in February, and has been since 1925. The month of February was chosen for this observance since the first celebration took place in February, during a week that encompassed the birthdays of both Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

During this time, we would like to acknowledge and pay tribute to the vision and founder of Belstar, Inc., Daniel Joseph Belcher, Sr. A successful author and graduate of the Agricultural and Technical State University in North Carolina, Mr. Belcher founded Belstar in 1985. If you would like more information about Mr. Belcher's book, My Catching Ups, please contact Cindy Clymore at (703) 645-0280 extension 320.

For more information on African American History Month, click here. If you would like to visit the 19th and newest museum of the Smithsonian Institution, the National Museum of African American History and Culture, located in Washington, DC, click here. Lastly, if you would like to be inspired by pivotal moments and people, click here to watch the "Now And Then" series of videos produced by the Skimm and Shondaland in honor of this observance.

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

The Rest of Our Team:

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

Women's History Month

Women's History Week was first planned and executed in 1978 by the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women. In 1981, Representative Barbara Mikulski of Maryland and Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah introduced resolutions designating the week of March 8th as national Women's History Week. Six years later, Congress declared March to be Women's History Month. This year, the theme is, "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence." The theme honors women who have led efforts to end war, violence, and injustice and pioneered the use of nonviolence to change society.

During this time, let us celebrate and honor the activists and trailblazers that are pushing our nation toward equality, liberation and acceptance of women's rights. Click here for more information about Women's History Month, including stories, resources and events.

Project Wins

During the 1st quarter of 2019, Amtrak has awarded Belstar a new commissioning task order in South Carolina.

Belstar, as part of the A. Morton Thomas team, has been selected by the University of Maryland for the Maryland Department of General Services Campus Loop Road at Baltimore City Community College project.

Belstar, as part of the HKS Architects team, has been selected for the Virginia Military Institute Physical Training Facility, Aquatic Center project.

Click here to see a comprehensive list of Belstar's 2017 & 2018 project wins at www.Belstar.com

Charitable Donations

Compassion for Benefit of Rose-Carline Petit-Frere McLean Bible Church

Promotions & Recognitions

Congratulations to Belstar's Hassan Kobrosli, who was promoted to Senior Vice President, and Gina Welc, who was promoted to Senior Vice President Accounting and Office Administration.

Belstar would like to welcome Harman Biggs, who joined Belstar as part of the TOM, LLC's onsite VDOT Lot #2 Mountain Tunnels project as a construction manager, and Marvin Brown, who rejoined Belstar as part of the Parsons PMS team at BWI airport as an office engineer.

On behalf of Belstar, Mike Bellamy accepted a Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Washington DC Post 20-year sustaining membership award on January 17, 2019 at the SAME DC Annual Awards Lunch.

Congratulations to Belstar's DC Water Division D team, whose Consultant Performance Evaluation was rated 3.6 out of 4.0.

Belstar would like to wish the following team members a Happy Birthday during the first quarter of 2019:

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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 hand-on industry-related activities and construction site tours, encouraging them to consider careers in architecture, construction and engineering.

Please mark your calendars for ACE DC's 19th Annual Scholarship Awards Breakfast:

When:

Wednesday, May 17, 2019 at 7:30 AM to 10:00AM EDT

Where:

Mayflower Hotel 1127 Connecticut Ave NW Washington, DC 20036

Register Now!

Sponsorship and Ticket Details

Sponsorship deadline is April 26, 2019

\$10,000 Penthouse: provides two breakfast tables for ten, prominent event signage, recognition of scholarship award, special mention in program, and yearlong recognition on ACE DC's website and publications.

\$5,000 Top Floor: provides one breakfast table for ten, prominent event signage, recognition of scholarship award, special mention in program, and yearlong recognition on ACE DC's website and publications.

\$3,000 Lobby: provides one breakfast table for ten, medium event signage, recognition of scholarship award, special mention in the program, and yearlong recognition on ACE DC's website and publications.

\$2,000 Breakfast table: provides breakfast table for ten, with access to full breakfast; company name on signage at event and in publications. **\$1,000 Coffee Station**: provides 2 tickets to scholarship breakfast, company name on signage at event and in publications

\$200: Individual Ticket

To sponsor the event, email: washingtondc@acementor.org



Gina Welc (Belstar), Cindy Clymore (Belstar), Joe Sacco (AECOM/Parsons), and Jasmine Chalashtori (Rees Broome, PC)

The ACE Mentor Program of Washington, DC held its 18th Annual ACE DC Scholarship Awards Breakfast on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. The breakfast was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC. In attendance for Belstar were Ms. Gina Welc and Ms. Cindy Clymore. Belstar would like to congratulate Mr. Mongi Benzineb, pursuing an Mechanical Engineering major, who won the scholarship sponsored by Belstar, known as the Daniel J. Belcher, Sr. and James G. Browder,

Jr. Memorial Scholarship.

Please consider making a donation to this very worthy organization. Many young



Mongi Benzineb – Winner of the Daniel J. Belcher, Sr. and James G. Browder,
Jr. Memorial Scholarship and Belstar's Gina Welc

people's lives will be changed by your contributions. If you would like to donate, please text 'DONATE2ACE' to 313131; if you would like to find out more about becoming a mentor text 'ACEDC' to 313131. Or, click here to make a general donation to the program, or for more information.

The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête

Belstar was a sponsor of the 2018 Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête, which was Friday, November 16, 2018 at the Washington National Cathedral. It was a black-tie event, including a cocktail reception, a seated dinner, and an awards program.

The event celebrated individuals who make Washington better through their contributions as designers, advocates, and clients. Attendees learned about the work of this year's Centennial Medal winner for distinguished service to the chapter, community and profession - Mary Katherine Lanzillotta, FAIA; the winner of the Glenn Brown Award for improving the quality of life in DC and raising awareness of architecture and its benefits to society - Tommy Wells, Director, DC Department of Energy and Environment; meet the rising star who has won the Emerging Architects Award - Nakita Reed, AIA; and the winner for the John "Wieb" Wiebenson Award for Architecture in the Public Interest - Greg Kearley, AIA.

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 learn about how buildings work or assisting a local nonprofit with a well-designed space or collecting more than 300

tons of canned goods for the Capital Area Food Bank through CANstruction; the Foundation makes a significant impact in the Washington community.

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

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.

Mentor Protégé Spotlight

- Congratulations to Belcher Consultants, Inc. and Cedar EMC, Inc. on their eleventh anniversaries this past 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 Institute of Constructions (MIC) on their upcoming twelfth anniversaries.

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

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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.