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Special Announcements

Belstar wishes to convey a special thank you to the entire Belstar team, in-house, consultants, teaming partners and friends. Thank you for making 2019 another year working together with good tidings and cheer!

Happy Belated Veteran's Day to our military heroes across the country.

Belstar Team Member of the Year

Belstar would like to congratulate Mohamed Eldwo, who has been named the 2019 Belstar Team Member of the Year.

Belstar is moving!

The office is currently being packed up in preparation for a very close relocation. We even anticipate little to no down time. Our new offices will be located at:

8500 Executive Park Avenue
Suite 210
Fairfax, Virginia 22031

The Holiday Season

Many years ago, the Holiday Season was only thought of as the twelve days starting December 25, Christmas Day, through January 5, Epiphany Eve. This time period was commonly referred to as the 12 Days of Christmas, Christmastide, or even Yuletide. However, in the 19th and 20th centuries, the season began to expand in the United States and Europe. Some now say it begins the day after Thanksgiving, ending on New Year's Day. Others say the season begins December 1, and continues until after Epiphany on January 7. In addition, others say it does not begin until December 6, Saint Nicholas Day, when the feast celebrating Saint Nicholas, the saint whose legendary habit of secret gift-giving is the basis of Santa Claus, is held, and ends on New Year's Day.

The Holiday Season in China begins with the winter solstice, December 22, 2019, and lasts until the Lantern Festival, to be held on February 8, 2020. In the UK and Ireland, although the shopping season doesn't officially start until November, when the Barry High Street Christmas shopping event begins with the area's lights turning on, Holiday Season-themed food appears on supermarkets shelves as early as August or September.

Although there are many different definitions of the "Holiday Season" and ways to celebrate in the United States and around the world, Belstar would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday, no matter what you are celebrating or when. We hope you take a moment to stop and truly enjoy all the blessings in your life.

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
- 33 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 and
DeSmet Legal, LLC
- Rees Broome, PC
- EagleBank Banking needs
- Hertzbach & Company,
P.A.
- MacConel & Dodd CPA

Project Wins

Belstar, as part of the Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson team, was awarded a general architectural and engineering on-call, five year contract with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. Belstar will be providing cost engineering, scheduling and construction management support services.

Click [here](http://www.Belstar.com) to see a comprehensive list of Belstar projects at www.Belstar.com

Promotions and Recognitions

Congratulations to:

- Mike Johnson, who has joined Belstar's EPC led DC Water Clean Rivers Program Division J onsite team.
- Keith Belcher has been assigned to Belstar's DC DDOT Minnesota Avenue Revitalization Phase 2 project on an as-needed basis.

On October 1, Dan Belcher, Jr. attended the VTCA-VDOT Consultant Forum at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, in Richmond, Virginia. Belstar sponsored a charging station.



At the Consultant Forum, VDOT representatives, the consultant engineering community and municipal leaders explored innovative solutions to meet today's challenges in efficiently delivering viable transportation systems to the Commonwealth.

On October 3, Keith Belcher attended the Capital Region Minority Supplier Development Council (CRMSDC) 38th Annual Leaders & Legends Awards Ceremony, at the MGM National Harbor in Oxon Hill, Maryland. Belstar was presented with a Top 100 MBE award and was also named the runner up for the supplier of the year award!



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

Carolyn Jarrells 10/5
Josette Mejia 12/1
Yama Ebrahimi 12/11

Charitable Donations

Compassion for benefit of Rose-Carline Petit-Frere
Human Rescue Alliance – Year End Contribution
Keystone Baptist Church – Year End Contribution
Cornerstones – Year End Contribution
For Kids, Inc. – Year End Contribution
Daily Bread – Year End Contribution
Grace Network – Year End Contribution
Helping Up Mission, Inc. – Year End Contribution
So Others Might Eat (SOME) – Year End Contribution
Central Union Mission – Year End Contribution
VTCA – James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête

The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête was Friday, November 22, 2019 at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C. Belstar was a sponsor of the black-tie event, including a cocktail reception, a seated dinner, and an awards program.

The event celebrates individuals who make Washington better through their contributions as designers, advocates, and clients. The 2019 honorees were:

Hany Hassan, FAIA

Centennial Medal for Service to the Chapter, the community and profession

Robert P. Kogod

Glenn Brown Award, honoring an individual who has raised public awareness of architecture and its benefits to society and who has improved the quality of life in Washington, DC

Douglas Crawford, AIA

Emerging Architect Award

Gina Volpicelli, AIA

John 'Wieb' Wiebenson Award for Architecture in the Public Interest

Attendees learned about the work of the honorees as well as 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.

To review sponsorship opportunities, click [here](#). To become a sponsor now, click [here](#).

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 hand-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 19th Annual ACE DC Scholarship Awards Breakfast on Friday, May 17, 2019. 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.

Mr. Paul Choquette, III, Board President, gave the opening comments and also presented the ACE DC Impact Award Presentation to Turner Construction. Continuing with the program was an update from ACE National Executive Director, Ms. Diana Eidenshink and the introduction of the keynote speaker, Mr. Monty Hoffman.

Mr. Hoffman was the Principal and Founder of [PN Hoffman](#) in 1993 with a single townhouse conversion, and has since transformed the company into a market leader of real estate development in the Washington DC, metro area. With more than 30 years of experience, he actively leads the company's business development and market strategy, as well as the design initiatives for every PN Hoffman Project.

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 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.



Ms. Gina Welc and
Ms. Cindy Clymore of Belstar

Sponsorships

Belstar has been sponsoring **Rose-Carline Petit-Frere** from 2004 to present. Compassion International is a faith based charitable organization that fights poverty personally. They are a child-focused organization. They work with the neediest and most vulnerable children – the poorest of the poor; to the children in greatest need, without ulterior motive because they are a “love they neighbor” organization/ministry.



Their child Sponsorship Program offers:

- Medical checkups and health care
- Ongoing Christian training through a local church
- Educational assistance, including textbooks, school uniforms, post-secondary courses, tutoring, test and lab supplies and even literacy and financial training for caregivers
- Key life skills training, mentoring and vocational programs
- Nutritious food and supplements to protect against malnutrition
- Recreational activities and support to develop self-confidence and social skills
- Protection from crime, violence and danger
- Access to special services like surgeries and disaster relief

If interested in sponsoring a child, please call 1-800-336-7676; or you can visit their website at <http://www.compassion.com>.

Kathryn Baker

Belstar began sponsoring Kathryn Baker in 2019 and will continue until 2021. Ms. Baker is an upcoming third-year medical student at West Virginia University. She plans to pursue a Preventive Medicine residency upon completing medical school with hopes of dedicating her career to helping patients naturally prevent and reverse chronic diseases through lifestyle behavior changes.



In addition to serving as a physician, she hopes to be an active advocate for healthy lifestyle habits in the community through public outreach programs and education development. Ms. Baker is in the process of establishing a non-profit in the state of West Virginia to start working toward this cause. Last year, she started a program at her medical school that connects students of various healthcare backgrounds with children in the community. This program provides hands-on, interactive lessons to children in K-12 schools to educate them on the anatomy and physiology of the human body and how lifestyle behaviors affect our health. She launched this program as an IRB-approved research project last year and is proud to say that the program was recently published in a research journal.

Another sponsor of Ms. Baker is Dr. Charles Gardner, MD, graduate of the West Virginia School of Medicine and of the Virginia Military Institute.

If you would like to help sponsor Ms. Baker or find out more information, you can e-mail her at <mailto:kbaker17@mix.wvu.edu>.

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- Be sure to visit www.Belstar.com for more information regarding Belstar's [internships](#).
- Watch for an updated listing of Belstar's past and present projects in the [Projects section](#).