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## Special Announcements

**Happy 35th Anniversary to Belstar, Inc.  
from January 10, 1985 to January 10, 2020!**

Please make note of Belstar's new address:  
8500 Executive Park Avenue  
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## National Mentoring Month

Beginning in 2002, January was designated as National Mentoring Month. Belstar would like to highlight this observance as mentoring is one of the biggest ways we give back to the community, offering formal and informal mentoring of firms, as well as internship opportunities.

National Mentoring Month not only focuses on increasing the number of mentors available, especially for programs that have waiting lists of young people, but it raises awareness of mentoring in a variety of forms. There are 9 Million children in America who say they're growing up without adults they can turn to. Click [here](#) for a powerful video showing the impact mentoring can have. Studies show that children who have had a mentor are:

- 55% more likely to attend college
- 78% more likely to volunteer
- 130% more likely to lead others
- 81% more likely to participate in sports

Studies also show children that have had a mentor ultimately earn more, are healthier, and less likely to turn to negative influences.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a mentor, click [here](#). For more details on what you can do in your community, and for more information about National Mentoring Month, please visit: <https://www.mentoring.org/>.

## African American History Month

Since 1925, African American History Month has been celebrated in February in the United States. This celebration was made possible by Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard-trained historian who believed that truth could not be denied and that reason would prevail over prejudice. Mr. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH). With that organization, his hope to raise awareness of African American's contributions to civilization was conceived and realized with the announcement of Negro History Week in 1925. By 1926, the response to this celebratory week was overwhelming: African American history clubs were created; teachers demanded material for their pupils; and progressive whites, not just white scholars and philanthropists, were stepping

## 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
- 35 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

forward to endorse the celebration. Although it would take until 1976, the celebration was expanded to a month by then President Gerald R. Ford.

It is at this time that Belstar would like to pay tribute to the founder of Belstar, Inc., Daniel Joseph Belcher, Sr. Mr. Belcher founded Belstar in 1985 and was a successful author and graduate of the Agricultural and Technical State University in North Carolina. If you would like more information about Mr. Belcher's book, [My Catching Ups](#), please contact Cindy Clymore at [cclymore@belstar.com](mailto:cclymore@belstar.com).

For more information on African American History Month, click [here](#). If you would like to visit the first major exhibition to showcase the Rosa Parks Collection at the Library of Congress, including thousands of pages of Parks' personal correspondence, her writings from the time of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and much more, click [here](#). To view the collection, click [here](#).

## Women's History Month

Although women's history celebrations in the United States can be traced as far back as 1911, it wasn't until 1980 that President Jimmy Carter declared the week of March 8 National Women's History Week. His proclamation stated, "From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well."

By 1987, Congress expanded the celebration and declared March to be Women's History Month. The 2020 Women's History Month theme, selected and published by the National Women's History Alliance, is "Valiant Women of the Vote." The theme honors "the brave women who fought to win suffrage rights for women, and for the women who continue to fight for the voting rights of others."

For more information about Women's History Month, including Women Making History Awards, online exhibits, oral histories, online resources, and more, click [here](#).

## Project Wins

Waller, Todd and Sadler Architects, a Woolpert Company has been awarded the City of Norfolk, Virginia, an Annual A-E contract for which Belstar is on the team for this contract.

Belstar, as part of the McDonough Bolyard Peck, Inc. led team, has been awarded option year four of the Northern Virginia permits on-call contract.

Belstar, as part of the McDonough Bolyard Peck, Inc. led team, has been awarded a Virginia Department of Transportation Salem District Wide construction and engineering inspection on-call contract.

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

## Promotions and Recognitions

Belstar would like to wish the following team members a Happy Birthday during the first quarter of 2020:

1/1 Mohamedazeem

1/5 Jackie Dardas  
2/20 Hassan Kobrosli

## Charitable Donations

Compassion for the benefit of Rose-Carline Petit-Frere

## 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

## 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.

## 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](http://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](#).