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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 2020 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 Harman Biggs, who has been named the 2020 Belstar Team Member of the Year.

The Holiday Season

Merriam-Webster defines the Holiday Season as, "the time from late November through January when several holidays (such as Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Year's Eve) happen. 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.

Although the Holiday Season can be defined and celebrated in a variety of ways, depending on everything from geography to family traditions, Belstar would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday. We hope you take a moment to stop and truly enjoy all the blessings in your life.

Project Wins

Belstar, as part of the McDonough Bolyard Peck, Inc. team, has been selected for the Virginia Department of Transportation Northern Virginia permits and street acceptance services contract.

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

Promotions and Recognitions

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

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

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
- Rees Broome, PC
- EagleBank
- Hertzbach & Company,
P.A.
- MacConel & Dodd CPA
- Sapient Consulting

Belstar would also like to celebrate the following work anniversaries in 2020:

Ozzie Belcher – 25th
Gina Welc – 15th
Alan Trask – 5th

Charitable Donations

Compassion International - For Benefit of Rose-Carline Petit-Frere
Scout Popcorn – Boy Scouts of America
Daily Bread – Year End Contribution
Keystone Baptist Church – Year End Contribution
Cornerstones – Year End Contribution
Grace Network – Year End Contribution
Helping Up Mission, Inc. – Year End Contribution
For Kids, Inc. – Year End Contribution
So Others Might Eat (SOME) – Year End Contribution
Central Union Mission – Year End Contribution
Human Rescue Alliance – Year End Contribution

The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête

The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête was held virtually on Friday, October 30, 2020. This event celebrates individuals who make Washington D.C. better through their contributions as designers, advocates, and clients. The 2020 honorees were:

Steven Spurlock, FAIA

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

Earl Alexander "Rusty" Powell, III

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

Alison Pavidonis, AIA

Emerging Architect Award

Ruben Quesada, Assoc. AIA

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

Lindsey May, AIA

Architect Educator Award

HITT Contracting's Co | Lab Project

Partnership for the Planet Award

Donald B. Myer, FAIA

Donald B. Myer, FAIA Public Service Award

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 celebrated its 2020 scholarship winners and held a panel discussion with design and building professionals via Zoom on December 1, 2020. Panelists included:

Richard Reyes-Gavilan, Executive Director of the DC Public Library
Gary Martinez, Partner, Studio Director OTJ Architects
James Fennelly, Vice President Jair Lynch
Omar McIntosh, Senior Vice President, Smoot Construction

The panelists discussed their work on the modernization of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library in Washington, D.C.

Although the ACE Mentor Program of Washington, DC was supposed to hold its 20th Annual ACE DC Scholarship Awards Breakfast on Friday, May 15, 2020, on June 18, 2020, 15 scholarship winners for 2020 were announced via social media, with awards totaling \$45,000. The Fluor and Belstar Alumni Scholarship Awardee for 2020 was **Jack Horton**, who plans to attend Duke University and to double major in Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science.

In lieu of the ACE DC end of the year Student Presentation Night, a **Digital Design Showcase** was hosted where students submitted their work. The Washington Liberty Team participated in the National CIRT Competition and finished in third place.

During these challenging times, financial support is still very much needed. **If you are able and interested in supporting this worthwhile cause, please contact washingtondc@acementor.org.**

For more information please see the ACE DC [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Sponsorships

Rose-Carline Petit-Frere

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 thy neighbor” organization/ministry.



Their child Sponsorship Program offers:

- Medical checkups and health care
- Ongoing Christian training through a local church
- 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
- Educational assistance, including textbooks, school uniforms, post-secondary courses, tutoring, test and lab supplies and even literacy and financial training for caregivers

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 a medical student at West Virginia University with clinical rotations in Internal medicine, Surgery, Psychiatry, Family Medicine, Pediatrics and OB/Gyn. 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. A few recent accomplishments include:

- In October 2019, Ms. Baker helped create a public outreach program to educate middle and high school students on the effects of e-cigarette smoking in Berkeley County, West Virginia.
- In April 2020, Ms. Baker was accepted to present a research poster at the American College of Physicians in Los Angeles, California. The poster was on a case of Vaping-Induced Lung Injury.
- In May 2020, Ms. Baker was granted the Michael L. Friedland Award for demonstrating achievement in self-learning in the integrated clinical curriculum at the WVU SOM Eastern Division.

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**.