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Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 – October 15, 2020

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated every year from September 15 to October 15. It is a time to appreciate and celebrate the history, heritage, and the contributions of those who came from Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean and South and Central America. This observance was first introduced in 1968 by Congressman George E. Brown and became National Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lydon B. Johnson. It was later extended to a 30-day celebration under President Ronald Reagan, being enacted into law on August 17, 1988.

September 15 begins the celebration as it is the anniversary of the independence of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico's independence anniversary is on September 16 and Chile's is on September 18. Día de la Raza (Race Day), which recognizes the mixed indigenous and European heritage of Mexico, also falls on October 12.

Let us come together to recognize the immeasurable contributions to our nation that have been made by Hispanic Americans. They have been integral to the prosperity of the United States and have left an indelible mark on the culture and economy.

Click [here](#) for more information and ways to get involved with this observance.

Project Wins

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 third quarter of 2021:

Cindy Clymore - July 22
Rod Belcher – July 25
Harman Biggs - August 19
Mike Johnson - September 5
Allan Luai - September 6

Please welcome Belstar's newest team member, Veronica Bowman. Ms. Bowman will be joining Belstar's Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Northern Virginia Permits and Street Acceptance Services Contract.

Congratulations to Belstar's Allan Luai, who has been promoted to a new position on Belstar's VDOT Northern Virginia Permits & Street Acceptance Services Contract.

Charitable Donations

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
- 36 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

Compassion for the benefit of Rose-Carline Petit-Frere
Museum of the Cherokee Indian
Red Cross – On Behalf of Hurricane Ida

The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête

The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête will be held at Washington's National Cathedral on November 12, 2021. The event will celebrate and honor individuals and programs that make Washington D.C. better through their contributions as designers, advocates, and clients. This year's honorees are:

Lonnie Bunch III, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution

2021 Glenn Brown Award Winner for improving the quality of life in DC and raising awareness of architecture and its benefits to society

Omar Hakeem, AIA

2021 John 'Wieb' Wiebenson Award Winner for Architecture in the Public Interest

Scott Archer, AIA

Li Ren, AIA

2021 Emerging Architect Award Winners

Milton Shinberg, AIA

Virginia Tech's Washington-Alexandria Architecture Center
2021 Architect Educator Award Winners

Marcel Acosta, Executive Director, National Capital Planning Commission

2021 Donald B. Myer, FAIA Public Service Award

Building Innovation Hub

2021 Partnership for the Planet Award

And

David T. Haresign, FAIA

2021 Centennial Medal Winner for distinguished service to the Chapter, community, and profession

This year, the event will include a cocktail reception and seated dinner with a program led by Wend Rieger. All suggested and required health protocols (including fully vaccinated wait staff) will be followed.

In addition to celebrating the honorees, the Fall Design Fête supports the Washington Architectural Foundation's education and community outreach programs. If you would like more info about this event, or to buy a ticket, click [here](#). The Washington Architectural Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Contributions are tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations. The Washington Architectural Foundation thanks you for your support of the Fall Design Fête.

ACE Mentor Program

Belstar is a sponsor of the Architecture, Construction and Engineering Mentor Program of the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area (ACE DC). ACE DC was established in 2000 and has mentored 2100 local students and distributed 25 scholarships worth more than \$800,000. The program is now virtual, with students and mentor architects, engineers and contractors meeting for virtual sessions.



These sessions can be attended via Chromebook, phone, tablet or PC, and include a brief introduction to an ACE topic, followed by hands on activities and design challenges. Materials used for activities and challenges are common household items. Students may also join optional All Affiliate Webinars for virtual construction tours, sketch up tutorials and other engaging opportunities.

Ten teams presented final projects between May 10 and May 12. The projects can be viewed [here](#). The team from McKinley Tech was First Runner Up in the National Competition and their project can be viewed at the above link.

The ACE Mentor Program celebrated the 2021 scholarship winners during a virtual event on May 19, 2021 at 8:00 AM. The event included highlighting remarks from Michael Marshall, FAIA, NOMA, NCARB, President and CEO of [Michael Marshall Design](#) and Diana Eidenshink, President of ACE Mentor Program of America, gave a national update. The recipient of the Belstar Alumni Scholarship for 2021 was Sophia Edwards from Washington Liberty High School. Ms. Edwards is a three-year member of ACE DC and was awarded the ACE DC Bronze Scholarship. She plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh and major in Engineering. Congratulations to Ms. Edwards! The entire 2021 ACE Mentor DC Awards Presentation is available at: <https://www.acewashingtondc.org/scholarship-event>

To stay up to date on ACE DC program, please visit their [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages. 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. **If you are interested in becoming a member, please find more info [here](#).**

Sponsorships

Rose-Carline Petit-Frere

Please join Belstar in celebrating 18 years of partnering with Compassion to sponsor Rose-Carline Petit-Frere. Compassion International is a faith based charitable organization that fights poverty personally. As a child-focused organization, Compassion works with the neediest and most vulnerable children – the poorest of the poor, without ulterior motive, because they are a “love they neighbor” organization/ministry.



The Compassion International 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, MD

Congratulations to Kathryn Baker, MD! Belstar began sponsoring her in 2019 as a medical student at West Virginia University with clinical rotations in Internal medicine, Surgery, Psychiatry, Family Medicine, Pediatrics and OB/Gyn. Now that she has graduated, Dr. Baker will be pursuing a residency with Harpers Ferry Family Medicine.



In addition to serving as a physician, Dr. Baker hopes to be an active advocate for healthy lifestyle habits in the community through public outreach programs and education development. Additional 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](#).