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Belstar Team Member of the Year



Belstar would like to congratulate Gina Welc, who has been named the 2021 Belstar Team Member of the Year.

Special Announcements

Mentor Protégés

- [Belcher Consultants, Inc.](#)
- [Belstar Cost Estimating \(BCE\)](#)
- [Holland Home Improvement/Construction](#)
- [M.A. + Associates](#)
- [Millennium Institute of Construction \(MIC\)](#)

Belstar wishes to convey a special thank you to the entire Belstar team, in-house, consultants, teaming partners and friends. Thank you for making 2021 another year working together with good tidings and cheer!

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

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

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

combined Office / 15% for Field
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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

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

Promotions and Recognitions

The Rest of Our Team:

[Blackthorn Law Group](#)
[Rees Broome, PC](#)
[EagleBank](#)
[Hertzbach & Company, P.A.](#)
[MacConel & Dodd CPA](#)
Sapient Consulting

Belstar would like to wish the following team members a Happy Birthday during the fourth quarter of 2021:

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

Belstar would like to congratulate Carlton Ray on his retirement from DC Water Clean Rivers.

Please welcome Belstar's newest team member, Veronica Bowman. Ms. Bowman has joined our MBP led team for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Northern Virginia Permits and Street Acceptance Services Contract.

Charitable Donations

American Red Cross – For disaster relief for the mid-west tornado victims
Central Union Mission – Year End Contribution
Compassion – For the benefit of Rose-Carline Petit-Frere
Cornerstones – Year End Contribution
Daily Bread – Year End Contribution
For Kind, Inc. – Year End Contribution

Grace Network – Year End Contribution
Helping Up Mission, Inc. – Year End Contribution
Humane Rescue Alliance – Year End Contribution
Keystone Baptist Church – Year End Contribution
So Others Might Eat (SOME) – Year End Contribution

The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête

The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête was held at Washington's National Cathedral on November 12, 2021. The event celebrated and honored individuals and programs that make Washington D.C. better through their contributions as designers, advocates, and clients.

This year's honorees were:

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

David T. Haresign, FAIA

2021 Centennial Medal Winner for distinguished service

to the Chapter, community, and profession

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.

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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](#).

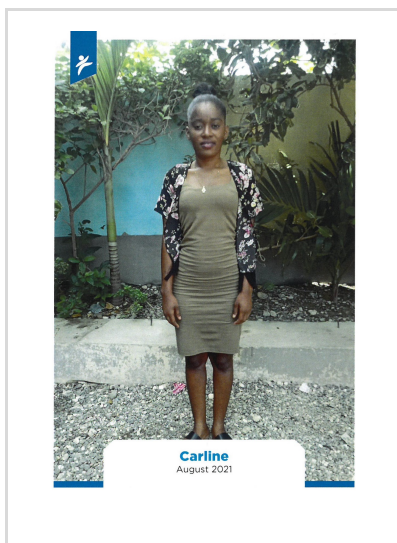
Sponsorships

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 thy 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



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: 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](#).