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Belstar Team Member of the Year



Belstar would like to congratulate Dan Belcher, Jr. who has been named the 2022 Belstar Team Member of the Year.

Belstar Fourth Quarter Activities

VTCA Hampton Roads District Dialogue was attended by Dan Belcher, Jr. on November 30 at The Landing at Hampton Marina.

The Hampton Roads dialogue was well attended, and the district continues to have a lot of work opportunities. There was a discussion about finding a way to relax some of the certifications to get work done. It was noted that the Virginia General Assembly is talking about changing some of the pay procedures for General Contractors. Finally, two attorneys recommended that the professional services industry take steps, in short, to be aware of this issue.

VTCA Northern Virginia District Dialogue was attended by Hassan Kobrosli on November 2 at the Westin Washington Dulles Airport

This was a great opportunity to gather with our industry peers, Northern Virginia District Staff, and local leaders for education and networking at this year's Northern Virginia District Dialogue. The program included insight into VDOT's transportation program specific to the Northern Virginia district. NOVA District Engineer, John D. Lynch, led his staff through detailed presentations covering the district's construction, preliminary engineering, maintenance, operations, and mega project activities. VTCA's Gordon Dixon also shared timely details on VTCA's legislative activity in preparation for the 2023 General Assembly. Wrapping up the half-day program, in-person dialogues were attended during the themed lunch roundtables with VDOT and industry professionals.

In addition, the Project Controls Expo US was attended by Hassan Kobrosli in early October at Nationals Park.

This was a great opportunity to expand our global reach, and the inaugural event took

place in Washington, DC on 4-6 October 2022. The event had been tailored to meet local cultural requirements, and Washington, DC acted as a regional conference for North America, attracting participants from across the continent. Significant infrastructure projects are underway in this region, and it was a great opportunity to have an Expo delegate with excellent networking and a unique knowledge-sharing opportunity. International speakers and organizations have already expressed an interest in taking part in this exciting program in 2023.

Finally, Ozzie Belcher participated in the 2022 Foundations Program that was sponsored by Exelon and which was administered through the Capital Region and Eastern Minority Supplier Development Councils.

This was an executive-level program designed to familiarize participants with aspects of the utility business and to acquaint them on doing business with utilities. The meetings were held monthly from June through November with a closing ceremony on December 7, 2022.

The closing ceremony consisted of three parts. Part one was a brief presentation of key personnel from Exelon, CRMSDC, and EMSDC. Part two was a presentation by each participating firm summarizing their services, major projects, and lessons learned from being a participant in the Program. Part three was the presentation of certificates of completion.

Belstar is greatly honored to have been selected by Exelon, CRMSDC, and EMSDC to be a participant in the 2022 Foundations Program, which was a great investment of Belstar's time and resources.

Special Announcements

Mentor Protégés

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

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 / Commissioning

37 Year Record of Performance

Fees average 20% for
combined Office / 15% for Field
Below similar-sized firms

Belstar wishes to convey a special thank you to the entire Belstar team, in-house, consultants, teaming partners and friends. Thank you for making 2022 another year working together with good tidings and cheer!

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

The Holiday Season

"The Holiday Season", as it is known in North America, refers to the time from late November through January, when many holidays, such as Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Year's Eve, are celebrated. In the UK and other English speaking countries, this time of year is also called the "Festive Season". The time from December 25 until January 5 is also known as "Christmastide", or the "Twelve Day of Christmas". As the economic impact of the anticipatory lead-up to Christmas has gained momentum, the term "Christmas Season" is now synonymous with the Christian Advent season, beginning the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ending Christmas Eve. The actual retail countdown to Christmas begins at the end of the summer season at the beginning of September.

No matter which words you use to describe this time of year, we hope you can take time to stop and truly enjoy all the blessings in your life, and spend time with family, friends and loved ones. 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.

Project Wins

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

The Rest of Our Team:

[Blackthorn Law Group](#)
[Rees Broome, PC](#)
[EagleBank](#)
[BDO USA, LLP](#)
[MacConel & Dodd CPA](#)
[Sapient Consulting](#)

Promotions and Recognitions

Belstar would like to wish the following team members a Happy Birthday during the fourth quarter of 2022:

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

Charitable Donations

American Red Cross - Hurricane Ian Relief
Central Union Mission
Compassion – For the benefit of Richica
Cornerstones
Daily Bread
For Kids, Inc.

Grace Network
Helping Up Mission, Inc.
Human Rescue Alliance
Keystone Baptist Church
Manns Horne Youth Foundation
So Others Might Eat (SOME)

The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête



The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête was held November 18, 2022 at the [National Portrait Gallery](#) in Washington, DC.

The event celebrated the architecture and design community, honoring several worthy individuals and programs that have made Washington a better city through their contributions as designers, advocates and clients, including:

Scott Kratz

2022 Glenn Brown Award Winner for improving the quality of life in DC and raising public awareness of architecture and its benefits to society

Rence Gill, AIA

2022 John 'Wieb' Wiebenson Award Winner for Architecture in the Public Interest

Saakshi Terway, Assoc. AIA

2022 Emerging Architect Award Winner

Dahlia Nduom, AIA

2022 Architect Educator Award Winner

Steven T. Ayers, FAIA

2022 Donald B. Myer, FAIA Public Service Award

and

Stanley I. Hallet, FAIA

2022 Centennial Medal Winner for distinguished service to the Chapter, community, and profession.

The Fete included a cocktail reception, seated dinner and program.

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

ACE Mentor Program

Belstar is a sponsor of ACE DC. Each year, ACE DC awards thousands of dollars in college scholarships to students interested in pursuing careers in architecture, construction or engineering. After virtual celebrations, ACE DC was excited to celebrate this year's scholarship recipients, the tireless dedication of their mentors, and another successful program year, in person.



This winter, ACE DC is getting a little sweeter with the 2022 ACE DC Gingerbread Design & Build Competition. Inspired by the CIRT National Design Competition that ACE students participate in each year, teams will have three (3) categories to choose from for their edible creation:

- A tasty twist on an existing national or international monument
- A sweet house of the future
- And edible rendition of a firm's existing project

Teams and designs were created and gingerbread was constructed November 1 - December 9, 2022. From now until January 6, 2023, entries will help fundraise for ACE and will be judged on the "Showcase" page, which can be shared via email and social media to encourage friends, families and co-workers to vote. Each vote is \$1 and the team with the most votes and funds raised will win the Popular Vote Category. All funds raised go toward ACE DC programming and scholarships.

Click [here](#) for more information about this event.



The 2022 Scholarship Breakfast was held on May 4, 2022 at The Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC. The keynote speaker this year was Donna M. Cooper, Pepco Region President, responsible for leading relations with key stakeholders in Pepco's Washington, DC and Maryland service areas. This includes state and local officials, community leaders, and business, consumer and nonprofit organizations. She plays a critical role in shaping policy and managing issues to deliver value to customers and key stakeholders. The Scholarship Breakfast honors scholarship recipients, provides networking opportunities and is a celebration of the incredible work of the architectural, construction and engineering industries.

ACE DC was established in 2000. It has mentored 2100 DC-area students and

distributed 25 scholarships worth more than \$800,000.

To stay up to date on the ACE DC program, please visit their [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [Linkedin](#) pages. If you are able and interested in supporting this worthwhile cause, please contact washingtondc@acementor.org. If you are interest in becoming a mentor, please find more information [here](#). If you would like to donate to the organization, click below.



[DONATE NOW](#)

Sponsorships

Richica

Richica is a four-year-old girl from Haiti. Belstar's past "sponsee", Carline, was also from Haiti. Belstar looks forward to providing the same support and guidance to Richica that we did for Carline!

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 McQueen, MD

Congratulations to Kathryn McQueen, 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. McQueen will be pursuing a residency with Harpers Ferry Family Medicine.

In addition to serving as a physician, Dr.

Another sponsor of Dr. McQueen 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 Dr. McQueen or find out more information, you can e-mail her at:

kamcqueen25@gmail.com.

McQueen 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, Dr. McQueen 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, Dr. McQueen 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, Dr. McQueen was granted the Michael L. Friedland Award for demonstrating achievement in self-learning in the integrated clinical curriculum at the WVU SOM Eastern Division.



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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](#).

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