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Belstar Team Member of the Year



Belstar would like to congratulate Logan Morrison who has been named the 2023 Belstar Team Member of the Year

Project Wins

Belstar, as part of the EPC Consultants, Inc. team, will be providing construction management services for the Potomac River Tunnel Project.

Old Dominion University has awarded Belstar work order # 1, the Monarch Hall M-LAB Conversion project, of the AE Services Term 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 2023:

Carolyn Jarrells - October 5
Josette Mejia - December 1
Yama Ebrahimi - December 11

Charitable Donations

This Holiday Season Belstar will continue the tradition of recognizing the many needs of charities that are struggling to help others. Therefore, Belstar will make donations to ten

charitable organizations throughout Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, DC:

Special End of the Year Donations:

Daily Bread
Keystone Baptist Church
Cornerstones
Grace Network
Helping Up Mission, Inc.
For Kids, Inc.
So Others Might Eat (SOME)
Central Union Mission
Humane Rescue Alliance
Manns Horne Youth Foundation

Regular Donations:

National Area Council BSA for Character Under Construction
Compassion for Benefit of Richica from Haiti

Belstar Fourth Quarter Activities

Mr. Dan Belcher, Jr., Vice President, attended the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance (VTCA) 2023 Dialogue with the Hampton Roads District on November 1, 2023, at the Landing at Hampton Marina, Hampton, Virginia.

This Dialogue was sold out and had a waiting list to attend. The Dialogue included insight into the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) program specific to the Hampton Roads District. District Engineer, Mr. Chris Hall, led his staff through detailed presentations covering construction, safety, maintenance and operations, special structures, preliminary engineering and major project activity. This dialogue included a primer on the upcoming elections and timely details on VTCA's legislative activity in preparation for the 2024 General Assembly.

Following the opening remarks and several speakers, the meeting concluded with a Round Table Lunch and Discussion. The following topics were discussed: Alternative Project Delivery; Bridge; CEI; Construction; Locally Administered Projects; Maintenance; Materials; Mega Projects; and Preliminary Engineering.

Belstar's Hassan Kobrosli, Vice President, attended the 2023 VTCA Dialogue with Northern Virginia (NOVA) which met on November 13, 2023, at the Westin Washington Dulles Airport, Herndon, Virginia.

The program included insight into the VDOT program specific to the NOVA VDOT. Northern Virginia District Engineer, Mr. John D. Lynch, lead his staff through detailed presentations covering the district's construction preliminary engineering, maintenance, operations and mega project activities. VTCA's Executive Vice President, Mr. Gordon Dixon, shared his timely details on VTCA's legislative activity in preparation for the 2024 General Assembly.

Following the opening remarks and several speakers, the meeting concluded with a Round Table Lunch and Discussion. The following topics were discussed: Alternative Project Delivery; Bridge; CEI; Construction; Locally Administered Projects; Maintenance; Materials; Mega Projects; and Preliminary Engineering.

The Dialogue was well attended with over 200+ attendees. Each attendee received several PowerPoint presentations and continuing education credits were given for this meeting.

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



Thank You

Belstar wishes to convey a special thank you to the entire Belstar team, in-house, consultants, teaming partners and friends. Thank you for making 2023 another wonderful year filled with good tidings and cheer!

Veteran's Day

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

The Holiday Season

The time from late November through early January is known as many different things throughout the world.

Some call it the "Christmas Season" or the "Festive Season" while others call it the "Holiday Season," the "Holidays," or "Christmastide." The Holiday Season used to refer to the twelve days beginning December 25, Christmas Day, through January 5, which is Epiphany Eve. In the 19th and 20th centuries in the United States and Europe the Holiday Season began to expand. It is now thought to start the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, and to continue until Epiphany Eve. It is during this time that holidays such as Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa are celebrated. Holiday decorations, Christmas trees, and window displays are illuminated and enjoyed. Friends and family take time away from work to visit each other, exchange gifts, and look back at what has been accomplished in the passing year.

No matter when or how you celebrate, Belstar hopes you can find time to spend with family, friends, and loved ones, and to take a moment to give thanks for the blessings in your life. Belstar wishes you and your family a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête



The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête was held November 8, 2023 at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC.

The event included a cocktail reception, seated dinner and program. Celebrating the architecture and design community, the event honored several worthy individuals and programs that have made Washington a better city through their contributions as designers, advocates, and clients.

2023 Honorees were:

Amy Weinstein, FAIA - 2023 Centennial medal winner

Caitlin Brady, AIA, LEED BD+C - Emerging Architect Award winner

Mika Naraynsigh, AIA, LEED BD+C - Emerging Architect Award winner

Anna McCorvey, RA, LEED AP BD+C - Wieb Award winner

Anica Landreneau, Assoc. AIA - Partnership for the Planet Award winner

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 the ACE DC Mentor Program. Each year, ACE DC awards thousands of dollars in college scholarships to students interested in pursuing careers in architecture, construction, or engineering. ACE DC holds an annual Scholarship Breakfast honoring scholarship recipients, as well as providing networking opportunities and celebrating the incredible work of the architectural, construction and engineering industries.



The ACE DC Gingerbread Design & Build Competition is a fun and friendly fundraiser to support programming and scholarships. The competition is open to ACE DC mentors, Alumni, board members, sponsor firms, friends, and family of ACE. Registration and



sponsorship opportunities were available until December 10, 2023. Submissions with photos were due December 13, 2023, with voting to be held [here](#) December 15, 2023 through January 10, 2024.

BECOME AN ACE DC SPONSOR TODAY

Each competition team created an edible design based on three (3) categories:

- A tasty twist on an existing national or international monument
- A sweet house of the future
- An edible rendition of a firm's existing project, or for alumni, or friends and family teams, a favorite local building.

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

ACE DC celebrated this year's scholarship recipients, the tireless dedication of their mentors, and another successful program year, on April 26, 2023 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC. With over 200 people in attendance, the keynote speaker was Emily Grandstaff-Rice (FAIA) President, The American Institute of Architects, and over \$100,000 was raised. The scholarship award amount was increased this year to \$5,000 per student, and 13 scholarships were awarded: nine to high school seniors and four to college alumni who were ACE participants while in high school. This year, the ACE program had 85 mentors throughout the region who met after school to engage with over 180 high school students.



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



Time Flies When You're Changing Lives



Belstar recently celebrated their 20 year "Sponsor-versary" of partnering with the Compassion organization to help make a positive impact on the lives of Carline and now Richica.

Richica

Richica is a six-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. McQueen hopes to be an active advocate

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.

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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