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Promotions and Recognitions

Belstar would like to welcome Rick Lewis to the team. Mr. Lewis will be a Construction Inspector Project Records Manager on Belstar's McDonough Bolyard Peck, Inc. led Virginia Department of Transportation Salem District CEI team.

Belstar would like to wish Hassan Kobrosli a Happy Birthday, which was celebrated on February 20, during the first quarter of 2024.

Belstar would also like to congratulate the following employees who are celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2024:

Ozzie Belcher - 30 years
Hassan Kobrosli - 25 years
Michael Johnson - 20 years
Daniel Belcher, Jr. - 20 years
Allan Luai - 15 years
Carolyn Jarrells - 10 years
Miranda Moore - 10 years
Henry Biggs - 5 years

Charitable Donations

Compassion – For the benefit of Richica from Haiti Riverheads High School Booster Club in Memory of Edward Clymore

Belstar First Quarter Activities

On Wednesday, February 21, 2024, Mr. Hassan Kobrosli, attended the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance (VTCA) Dialogue with the Fredericksburg & Culpeper Districts. The Dialogue was held at the Fredericksburg Expo Center.

The program included insight into VDOT's transportation program specific to the Fredericksburg and Culpeper Districts. Fredericksburg District Engineer, Marcie Parker, PE and Culpeper District Engineer, Sean Nelson, PE hosted the program sharing their respective leadership vision. The presentations covered the district's construction, preliminary engineering, maintenance, operations and mega project activities. Mr. Gordon Dixon, moderated a panel of industry leaders who shared perspectives from VTCA's three primary member sectors – Contractors, Engineers, and Aggregate Producers. He also presented timely details on VTCA's legislative activity in preparation

The Dialogue was very well attended and concluded with a networking reception. The next VTCA event will be the 2024 Spring Transportation Construction Conference being held at the Hampton Roads Convention Center from April 3-5, 2024.

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)

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37 Year Record of Performance

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



National Mentoring Month

January was National Mentoring Month, an observance which aims to unify and expand the mentoring movement. Mentoring is very important to Belstar, as it is a large part of how Belstar gives back to the community. Belstar offers formal and informal mentoring of firms, as well as internship opportunities. During National Mentoring Month we call attention to the benefits of mentoring, celebrating the power of relationships, and making sure young people are connected with dependable examples to look up to and work with in their communities. A major driver of healthy development and opportunity is who you know and who is in your corner.

Beginning in 2002, January was designated as National Mentoring Month. More than two decades later, there are a variety of ways for companies and individuals to get involved, such as participating in "I Am A Mentor Day", the "Dr. MLK Day Of Service" or the "National Mentoring Summit" which took place on January 24-26, 2024 at The Westin Washington in Washington, DC. If you are interested in getting involved, [click here](#) for more information, or visit [the Mentoring Connector](#), a free database of national mentoring programs, and explore mentoring opportunities available year-round.

Black History Month

February was Black History Month, a time dedicated to honoring the triumphs, struggles, and culture of African Americans throughout United States history. [Carter G. Woodson](#), a Harvard-trained historian, was the first to conceive of an annual observance of Black History. He traveled to Bronzeville, Chicago to take part in the summer-long, 50 year celebration of the 13th Amendment's abolishment of slavery, filled with exhibitions of heritage and culture, known as the Lincoln Jubilee. The fall after he joined thousands of other Black Americans celebrating and highlighting their achievements, he founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH). The ASNLH then created the precursor to Black History Month in 1926, "Negro History Week." This observance became Black History Month in 1976. February was chosen for this time of reflection as it is a month that contains the birthdays of both Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. Black History Month is now also observed in Canada, France, Germany, the United Kingdom and Ireland.

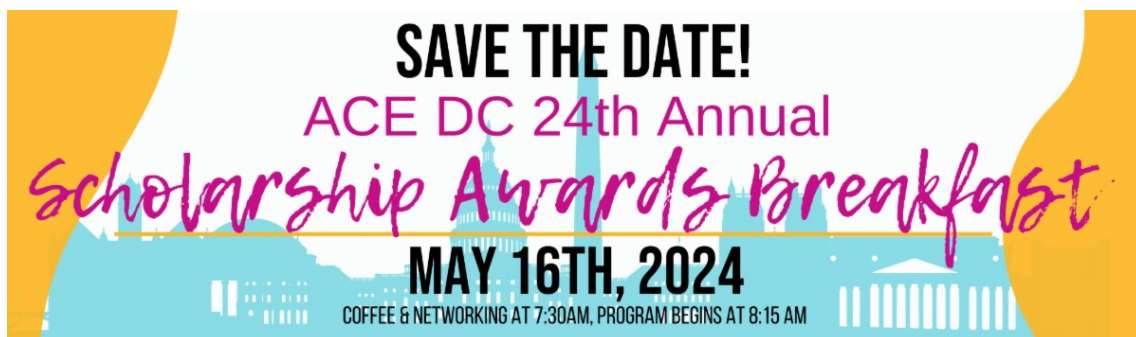
The Black History Month 2024 theme was "African Americans And The Arts." [Click here](#) for a beautiful example of this theme, a 360 degree view of the National Museum of African American History and Culture's exhibit, Culture Expressions. [Culture Expressions](#) is a circular, experiential, introductory space to African American and African diaspora culture, from style, to food, artistry, movement, and language. The exhibit is ongoing and you may get passes for it [here](#). [Click here](#) for additional ways to continue to honor Black History, including [audio and video](#), [images](#), and a [digital toolkit](#).

Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month and the 2024 theme is "Women Who Advocate for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion." This theme recognizes and celebrates women who are committed to excluding no one and embracing everyone, as an uneven playing field will never bring equality or justice. Thankfully, today, equity, diversity, and inclusion are powerful forces that are having a wide-ranging, positive impact on our country. Let us take this time to celebrate the women, past and present, in communities across the nation, that have created and implemented programs and initiatives to address and eliminate injustices.

The Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women first planned and executed a Women's History Week in 1978. By 1981, Representative Barbara Mikulski of Maryland and Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah introduced resolutions designating the week of March 8th as national Women's History Week. Six years later, Congress declared March to be Women's History Month.

Click [here](#) for more information about Women's History, [here](#) for a digital tool kit, and [here](#) for ways to take action to support Women's History Month, including everything from story time to a walking tour and a bus tour,



Mark your calendar for ACE DC's 24th Annual Scholarship Awards Breakfast. The breakfast will be held on May 16th, 2024 at [The Mayflower Hotel](#) at 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW Washington, DC. This celebration provides networking opportunities and is

where ACE DC awards thousands of dollars in college scholarships to students interested in pursuing careers in architecture, construction, and engineering,

Belstar is a sponsor of the ACE DC Mentor Program. Established in 2000, ACE DC has mentored 2100 DC-area students and distributed 25 scholarships worth more than \$800,000. One of the ways ACE DC raises scholarship funds is through the ACE DC Gingerbread Design & Build Competition, which took place in December 2023, with winners announced in January 2024. The winners were:



Best Overall Project and Tasty Twist On An Existing Monument: Allen Myers Marzipan Masons Team "Brooklyn Bridges"
Create An Edible Rendition Of A Firm Project: Allen Myers Glory Girls Team "NOVA Data Center"
Popular Vote: Saul Ewing, LLP's Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge Crossing Over The Anacostia River
High School Judges Choice: Bishop McNamara - Washington DC Mormon Temple

This fun and friendly confectionary contest raised over \$15,000 for ACE DC scholarships and programming.

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@acemmentor.org. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please find more information [here](#). If you would like to donate to the organization, click below.

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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.

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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.

Another sponsor of Dr.

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 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.

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.



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