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Promotions and Recognitions

Welcome back to David Bonnalie, who rejoined Belstar on a part-time basis on July 25, 2023. David will be performing cost estimating reviews, scheduling reviews, constructability reviews, and QA/QC reviews.

Belstar would like to wish the following team members a Happy Birthday during the third quarter of 2023:

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

Charitable Donations

Compassion - For the benefit of Richica from Haiti
American Red Cross for the Hawaii Wildfires

Belstar Third Quarter Activities

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration co-hosted the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) networking event on Thursday, June 29, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Belstar's Mr. Hassan Kobrosli attended this event being held at 250 M Street SE, Washington, DC.

Mr. Kobrosli stated that this was the second time that DDOT held their DC DDOT Networking Event, at one of their locations, in a smaller format, and that this worked better for everyone in attendance. The Networking Event's goals are to assist firms with establishing new connections, (DBEs with prime contractors/consultants, government decision-makers), finding the resources, and obtaining the information needed to transform and grow their business.

There were many prime contractors/consultants covering this event and a time of networking and exchanging business cards took place along with an opportunity to connect with DDOT's Director, Administrators, and Managers.

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

September 15 through October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month. The 2023 theme is, "Latinos: Driving Prosperity, Power, and Progress in America." This celebration recognizes the Latinx and Hispanic communities, as well as the individuals that comprise those communities, which play a significant role in driving prosperity, power, and progress in the United States and the world.

Hispanic Heritage Month began as Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968 under President Lyndon B. Johnson. Although Representative Esteban Torres of California attempted to extend the observance to one month in 1987, it took until 1988, when Senator Paul Simon of Illinois submitted a similar bill, which was eventually signed into law on August 17, 1988 by President Ronald Reagan. September 15 was chosen as the kickoff for the commemoration as it coincides with Independence Day in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico celebrates Independence Day on September 16, Chile celebrates on September 18, and Belize celebrates on September 21st. Also falling within this 30-day time period is Día de la Raza, celebrated in Mexico on October 12.

For more information about this observance, the National Museum of the American Latino has [bilingual resources](#). The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution, and U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, also have resources including [exhibits and collections](#), [videos](#), and [events](#). You can also check out this [Tedx Talk](#), discussing what it means to be Hispanic and Latinx in the United States.

The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête

The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête will be held November 8,

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

2023 Honorees are:

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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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. The Scholarship Breakfast honors scholarship recipients, provides networking opportunities and is a celebration of the incredible work of the architectural, construction and engineering industries.

BECOME AN ACE DC SPONSOR TODAY

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.

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Sponsorships



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 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.

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.



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