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Project Wins

Belstar, as a part of the Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson (JMT) and HDR-led team, has been awarded the new Metro Training Center project by the Washington Metro Area Transit Authority.

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 2025:

- Carolyn Jarrells - October 5
- Yama Ebrahimi - December 11
- Rick Lewis - December 21

Belstar would also like to congratulate Gina Welc on celebrating 20 years with Belstar in 2025.

Special Announcements

The Rest of Our Team:

- [Blackthorn Law Group](#)
- [Rees Broome, PC](#)
- [EagleBank](#)
- [BDO USA, LLP](#)
- [MacConel & Dodd CPA](#)
- [River View Web](#)

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)



*Happy Holidays
from our team to yours.
We're excited to continue
working with you in 2026!*

Thank You

Belstar wishes to express its sincere appreciation to all members of the Belstar community: our in-house team, consultants, teaming partners, and friends. Thank you for contributing to another outstanding and uplifting year in 2025.

Veteran's Day

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

Facility/ Program / Project /
Construction Management /
Cost Engineering / Cost
Management / Dispute
Resolutions and Claims
Analysis / Scheduling /
Commissioning

39 Year Record of Performance

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

The Holiday Season

The "Holiday Season" - late November through early January - is a time to pause, reflect, and come together in celebration. Across cultures and traditions, this time of year is filled with customs that honor joy, gratitude, generosity, and connection. Among the many observances are:

Christmas, celebrated by Christians around the world, honors the birth of Jesus Christ. Traditions such as sharing a holiday meal, attending parades and community events, charitable giving, and volunteering help bring families and communities together.

Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, commemorates the miracle of the oil in the Temple. The holiday is marked with nightly menorah lighting, gift-giving, singing traditional songs, and beloved foods like sufganiyot.

Kwanzaa, a celebration of African American culture and heritage, emphasizes principles such as unity, self-determination, and collective responsibility. Families and communities observe the holiday through symbolic rituals and shared feasts.

New Year's Eve and **New Year's Day**, symbols of renewal and hope, offer a moment to look forward—to set intentions, embrace new opportunities, and welcome the possibilities of the year ahead.

No matter which traditions you embrace, Belstar encourages you to cherish time with family, friends, and loved ones. May this season inspire reflection on the milestones, memories, and blessings that have shaped the past year. May its spirit fill your heart with peace, gratitude, and joy.

From all of us at Belstar, we wish you a safe, meaningful, and Happy Holiday Season!

The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête



The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête took place on November 20, 2025, at [Union Market Dock5](#) in Washington, DC. The evening featured a cocktail reception, a seated dinner, and a formal program. In celebration of the region's architecture and design community, the event recognized several distinguished individuals and initiatives whose work has enhanced Washington through their roles as designers, advocates, and clients. The 2025 honorees were:

2025 Centennial Medal Winner – Jonathan Penndorf, FAIA
2025 Glenn Brown Award Winner – Mayor Muriel Bowser

2025 Architect Educator Award Winner – Nea Maloo, FAIA
2025 Emerging Architect Winner – Gozde Yildirim, AIA
2025 Partnership for the Planet Award Winner – Greg Plavcan, Assoc. AIA
2025 Donald B. Myer Award for Public Service – Lance Davis, FAIA

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ACE Mentor Program

Belstar proudly supports the ACE DC Mentor Program. Each year, ACE DC awards thousands of dollars in college scholarships to students pursuing careers in architecture, construction, or engineering. The organization hosts an annual scholarship breakfast to honor recipients, provide valuable networking opportunities and celebrate the outstanding contributions of professionals in the architectural, construction, and engineering fields.



GINGERBREAD
competitions
OPEN NOW!

ACE DC is once again holding The Gingerbread Design & Build Competition. This competition is a fun, friendly, and sweet fundraiser to support programming and scholarships. It is open to ACE DC mentors, Alumni, board members, sponsor firms, friends, and family of ACE. Registration and submissions with photos were due by December 13, 2025. Voting will take place December 18 2025 - January 9, 2026. Click here if you would like to help pick the Popular Vote winner. Each vote is a \$1 donation to ACE DC and is fully tax deductible. You can vote for as many favorite teams as you would like. Winners will be announced in January 2026!

VOTE IN THE GINGERBREAD DESIGN & BUILD COMPETITION

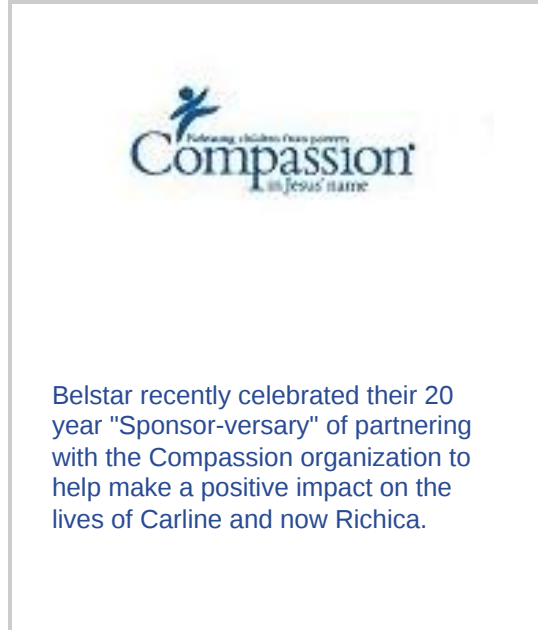
ACE DC was established in 2000. It has mentored 2100 DC-area students and distributed 25 scholarships worth more than \$800,000.

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

[DONATE NOW](#)

Sponsorship



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



- 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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