# **BOLANA** CONNECTION

### October 2020



#### Team Bolana Ensuring Safe Facilities Through Deep Cleaning & Disinfecting

Bolana is proud to provide deep cleaning and disinfecting services over the past several months throughout the DMV to help ensure a safe and healthy environment for our clients and our community. Some of the clients we have been serving are: Prince George's County Board of Elections, Broccoli City Movie Nights at RFK, Church of the Ascension & Saint Agnes, Chesapeake Cardiac Care, Christ Church Georgetown, Express Dental Labs, BioIVT at UMBC, Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian National Zoo, The National Center for Children and Families, The Brooks Short Term Family Housing Facility, University of Maryland.





#### **High-Touch Surfaces in Workplaces**

- Stair Railings
- Doorknobs
- Door Handles
- Water Fountain Buttons
- Sinks
- Faucets
- Elevator Buttons

- Light Switches
- Computer Keyboards/Mouse
- Telephones
- Remote Controls
- Countertops
- Conference Tables
- Breakroom Tables

## Increased Bolana Community Action During COVID-19

#### Weekly 100 Lunch Preparation for the Homeless

Every Thursday our corporate team and supporters work to prepare and provide 100 lunches for the homeless in cooperation with Community Crisis Services of Prince George's County.



Team Bolana is proud to be of service, "shining a little light in dark places."

## **Increased Community Action During COVID-19**

#### Weekly 100 Lunch Preparation for the Homeless (continued)



Ana C. Chura S. French B. Flor M. Hazel T. Kathryn B. Kevin W. Leonardo M. Louis M. LeRell D.

Those Who Serve! LeRoy D. LeVon D. Maria F. Nia S. Pat B. Salvador R. Sergio S. Shavla D Tyrone B. Valarie D.



#### Haiti Mission of Grace Donation

Bolana donated to support the Mission of Grace and Grace Community School. The funds were used to sponsor some of their students for the year, and goes towards uniforms, teacher support, 2 hot meals per day, school supplies and more. At the needed \$220.00 annual support per student, Bolana's donation supported over 37 students as well additional funds to support the overall programs provided at the Mission. Director Kim O'Dwyer reported, "By the grace of God we are doing well at Mission of Grace. We have guarantined the orphanage and elderly home to try to prevent the virus from affecting our children and of course our elderly home. We are continuing to believe for protection through all of this. Thank you again for your generosity and for your prayers."

Mission of Grace seeks to meet the needs of Haitians through love and compassion. They did not build a compound to bring the needy in to, rather they are in and among them every day. The goal is not to simply improve the quality of life, but to train and equip future leaders of Haiti.

#### University of Maryland Football Team Mentor & Internship Programs

Our General Manager, LeRoy Dock participates in and Bolana supports the University of Maryland football players mentoring program. This summer Bolana was fortunate to have Johari Branch from the University of Maryland football team interning at Bolana. Johari was a great asset to our team and also participated in our weekly lunch preparation for the homeless.





#### **Team Bolana Clothing Drive for Community Crisis Services**

Bolana and our Corporate Team donated to purchase new clothing items for shelter occupants in need.

Community Crisis Services' vision is to provide compassionate crisis support through their hotline, safe shelter programs and information and referral services. In all we donated over 1,000 items of new clothing including boxer shorts, men's sweatpants, men's t-shirts, ladies undergarments, ladies tank tops, and ladies sweatpants.

## **Increased Community Action During COVID-19**

#### **Smothers School Headphones Donation**

In addition to our mentoring program at Smothers Elementary in NE Washington DC. Bolana asked how we could help the students as they adapt to various learning environments. Principal Williams mentioned that there are many instances where there are multiple children in a household and it is sometimes difficult for the students to focus on learning. Last month, Bolana donated and delivered 200 sets of headphones for the students. Principal Williams said our donation was "right on time" because it was the same day that they were giving out tablets to one of the classes so they were then able to give them headphones also!



Principal Kiana Williams accepting Bolana's donation.

#### Ready to Help Save a Life? Donate Blood Today!



Bolana's Valarie Dock and LeRoy Dock Donating Blood in June

Donating blood products is essential to community health and need for blood products is constant. The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those in need.

#### **Prayer Walk for Peace and Justice**

On June 16<sup>th</sup> the Docks participated in the Prayer Walk for Peace and Justice presented by the Alfred Street Baptist Church in Collaboration with the NAACP.



#### **March on Washington Commemorations**

On Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> the Docks participated with tens of thousands of Americans from all racial, religious and geographic backgrounds in Washington, DC on the 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic March on Washington to recommit themselves to the fight for justice and a peaceful united America.



## **Increased Community Action During COVID-19**

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#### **Bolana 2020 Team Member Scholarship Award Winners**

Bolana presented 6 scholarships for 2020. Each recipient was awarded \$1,150.00 and the recipient with the highest GPA received an additional \$250.00. Recipients are:

> Ronald Ayers Ana Chevez Joshua Cunningham Skye Cunningham Precious Owens Jazmine Thomas

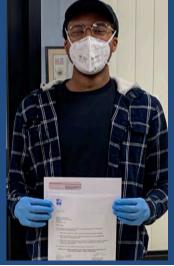
Congratulations to all!



## **Ronald Ayers**

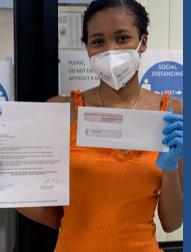


**Ana Chevez** 





Cunningham





## Skye Cunningham



**Precious Owens** 



**Jazmine Thomas** 

### **Employee Hire Date Anniversaries**

The following team members have hire anniversary dates in the months of May–September. These team members have been a member of the Bolana Team for at least 1 year. Thank you for your continued commitment to making Bolana a great place to work and being an asset to the team!! \*=5 or more years of service \*\*=10 or more years of service.

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Anthony Laws**	08/01/2006	Yohannes Larago	09/01/2017	Julissa Luna	09/01/2018
Dora Lopez**	09/23/2008	Jariatu Kamara	09/01/2017	Edith Melgar	09/01/2018
Rhonda Walker**	06/01/2009	Orbelina Navarro-Avelar	09/01/2017	Sergio Serafini	09/01/2018
Andrea Rivera-Turcios**	06/01/2009	Janet Golo	09/01/2017	Kevin Williams	09/01/2018
Cynthia Isaacs**	06/01/2009	Noemi Segovia	09/01/2017	Hernan Lainez	09/01/2018
Vicenta Hernandez**	06/01/2009	Irma Mejia De Perez	09/01/2017	Melvin Escobar	09/01/2018
Daphne Colbert**	06/01/2009	Marina Justiniano-Gongora	09/01/2017	Santos Hernandez	09/01/2018
Kimberly Frantz**	06/01/2009	Mario Flores	09/01/2017	Flora Suyo	09/01/2018
Tessa Cain**	06/01/2009	Lambon Dankwa	09/01/2017	Melida Hernandez	09/01/2018
Phillip Nicely**	06/02/2009	Medesse Akawanou	09/01/2017	Manuel Godinez	09/01/2018
Candy Rice**	06/18/2009	Chiedu Simon-Ebughu	09/01/2017	Ana Amaya	09/01/2018
Yanci Flores-Gomez**	06/21/2009	Patricia Quinonez	09/01/2017	Marta Duran	09/01/2018
Antonia Molina**	09/01/2009	Francisco Melgar-Guerra	09/01/2017	Modesto Lopez Perez	09/01/2018
Pronzella Dennis*	06/17/2011	Eva Ankomah	09/01/2017	Marc Cunningham	09/01/2018
Angela Enriques*	06/01/2012	Carlos Sifontes	09/01/2017	Maria Andrade Ventura	09/01/2018
Robert Beans*	06/16/2013	Charles Gross	09/19/2017	Areli Perez	09/01/2018
Maria Fernandez-Flores*	09/26/2013	Jose Valle	09/20/2017	Ana Portillo Cabrerra	09/01/2018
Fernandez Morrison*	06/02/2014	Maria Benitez	09/20/2017	Marbin Banegas	09/01/2018
Leonardo Mercado*	08/18/2014	Miriam Ventura	05/01/2018	Nelson Vides	09/01/2018
Alexandra Cuello Vega*	05/01/2015	Dario Garcia	05/01/2018	Jose Campos	09/01/2018
Norma Sorto Soriano*	05/01/2015	Miguel Huertas	06/09/2018	Marvin Hernandez	09/01/2018
Manuel Vazquez*	05/11/2015	Kwadwo Frimpong	07/13/2018	Sandra Bravo Greenberg	09/10/2018
Manuel Rodriguez*	05/27/2015	Veronica Colin Valencia	07/15/2018	Patrick Brawner	09/12/2018
Richard Stern Jr*	09/02/2015	Kevin Perez	07/26/2018	Kenard Holmes	09/12/2018
Odilio Garcia Sarceno	05/02/2016	Claudia Apuac-Campa	08/25/2018	Ana Velasco	09/16/2018
Edilia Banos Salinas	06/06/2016	Faibel Chilel Yoc	09/01/2018	Jose Bonilla	09/17/2018
Coralia Guardado	07/02/2016	Julien Sulio	09/01/2018	Hazel Thomas	09/18/2018
Delmy Rivera	08/24/2016	Marta Guzman Trejo	09/01/2018	Reina Rivas Diaz	09/29/2018
Glenda Sanchez	05/01/2017	Cristina Contreras	09/01/2018	Patricia Peralta	05/06/2019
Claudia Apuac-Campa	05/04/2017	Maria Mejia De Holtz	09/01/2018	Ivania Guevara Aguirre	05/07/2019
Steven Merriman	06/14/2017	Marina Fuentes	09/01/2018	Martha Martinez Soliz	05/24/2019
Catalina Rivas	07/03/2017	Cristian Ruiz	09/01/2018	Sarai Hernandez	05/28/2019
Ermelinda Argueta	07/03/2017		09/01/2018	Eliseo Xulu Cum	06/05/2019
Flor Sorto	07/10/2017	Amado Velasco		Delonte Cornish	06/10/2019
Grace Owusuaa	09/01/2017	Jorge Rosales	09/01/2018	Karla Cetino	06/10/2019
Hilda Coreas	09/01/2017	Senia Villatoro	09/01/2018	Michael Champion Jr	06/10/2019
Bedilu Amere	09/01/2017	Lorraine Brandy	09/01/2018	Matthew Smith	06/10/2019
Jose Cabrera	09/01/2017	Jose Matamoros	09/01/2018	Raul Borjas Chacon	07/03/2019
Benyoset Sandoval Molina		Alicia Godoy	09/01/2018	Santa Ortiz Perez	07/08/2019
Maria Guillen	09/01/2017	Smima Escobar Avila	09/01/2018	Herber Ayala Argueta	07/10/2019
Gabriel Boahen	09/01/2017	Ana Velasco	09/01/2018	Xiomara Leiva	07/12/2019
Cesar Rivera - Sanchez	09/01/2017	Juan Melendez	09/01/2018	Oralia Juarez Sanchez	07/16/2019
Posseh Sesay	09/01/2017	Oscar Gutierrez	09/01/2018	Nodel Perez Sarceno	07/29/2019
-	09/01/2017	Dina Lemus Diaz	09/01/2018	Zenia Villeda	07/31/2019
Augustine Adu		Marta Menjivar	09/01/2018		
Jose Cruz-Reyes	09/01/2017	Luis Paredes	09/01/2018	Evelyn Albayero	07/31/2019
Menelik Mekonnen	09/01/2017	Elias Rodriguez	09/01/2018	Jorge Recinos	08/22/2019
Monica Asantewaa	09/01/2017	Ingrid Aquino	09/01/2018	Melvin Murcia Rodriguez	08/22/2019
Stephen Adu Martin Caraaa	09/01/2017	Milagro Velasco	09/01/2018	Santiago Lopez	08/28/2019
Martin Coreas	09/01/2017	Velman Perez Yoc	09/01/2018	Monica Hernandez Caballero	00/20/2019

## **Employee Recognition and News**

#### **Employee Hire Date Anniversaries (continued)**

Maria Perez AmayaMaria FuentesMaria FuentesMaria FuentesDavid SatzMaria FuentesGuadalupe FloresMaria FuentesIsrael GuzmanMaria Rosa RodriguezRosa RodriguezMaria MoralezCarmen CastilloMaria Morales-PerezNatalia Morales-PerezMaris RiveraAngela FloresMarida Morales Cordero

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#### **Team Bolana Family News**

Aleco and Sandra Bravo-Greenberg welcomed their first child, Maverick Preston-James into the world on July 18,2020 at 11:07am. All are healthy and thriving. Mom is excited to be back to work and enjoying her new role in life.





National Hispanic Heritage Month traditionally honors the cultures and contributions of both Hispanic and Latino Americans as we celebrate heritage rooted in all Latin American countries.

During this month we celebrate and share history, heritage, and accomplishments of Hispanic and Latino Americans of past and present.

It is a time to reflect and pay tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society.

https://hispanicheritagemonth.gov

## What Our Clients Have to Say...

"Thank you for all of the great service that Bolana provided to our voters and vote centers on Election Day!"

Marilyn Dunston P.G. County Board of Elections "Thought I would just let you know that I think Lesli is doing a great job. She is always positive and willing to take on new tasks, and making it work when starting up is difficult to plan.



Mette Lund Embassy of Denmark

"I wanted to let you know how much I appreciated the job your company did cleaning our office. The freshness was apparent as we walked in on Monday. I have recommended your services to many seeking to freshen up before opening. Thanks again for a job well done.

Barbara Hutchinson, MD PhD President Chesapeake Cardiac Care

"I just wanted to take the time to express our satisfaction with Bolana's finishing product. Your company did all of the cleaning tasks listed in the proposal to perfection. Not only could you see the cleanliness but the staff even commented on how fresh the office smelled...in light of the current pandemic situation your company is providing a very important service. I thank you again and wish you and your company well.

Page Smith Chesapeake Cardiac Care "Thank you for stopping by today. In fact, I was going to mention to Zenia today that I feel she is doing a good job and I appreciate her service. Now I have an opportunity to tell you. I will still tell her."

Vernethia Williams Ednor II

"Your team is onsite and I have to say they are very, very thorough! I appreciate them and their work.

Stephen Searle, O&M Mgr Dulles Crystal Mover Services, Inc.

> "Matt and Tay. These two guys showed up and showed out... They came in every day ready to go. They bust their butt, every single day, got their hands dirty and were very interested in soaking up any information to learn...they didn't have a problem with being a step ahead and keeping everything going - they really showed up...I really like their work ethic.

> > Adrian Sebrell, Site Supervisor The John F. Kennedy Center

## Team Bolana

#### Maryland's Top 100 Women

Congratulations to our President, Valarie Dock for being named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women! Maryland's Top 100 Women recognizes high-achieving Maryland women who are making an impact through their leadership, community service and mentoring.



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#### Bolana's LeVon Dock is Highlighted in BSCAI's Article Discussing "Cleaning Schools During COVID-19"

Bolana Director of Operations, LeVon Dock was interviewed and contributed to an article in the Building Service Contractors Association International (BSCAI) newsletter discussing "Cleaning Schools During COVID-19". Visit the link below to read the article:



https://www.bscai.org/Contractor-Connections-Hub/Business-Insights/cleaning-schools-during-covid-19

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BUILDING SERVICE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL

#### CLEANING SCHOOLS DURING COVID-19

August 25, 2020 | by: Annabel Steele

It happens every year: the summer must come to an end, and school must start up again, Children find their perfect back-to-school looks, parents snap photos to commemorate another year and teachers gear up to meet their new students. But this year, amid the familiar traditions, there is a new uncertainty. The angoing COVID-19 pandemic has made health and safety in schools a top concern around the country. We spoke to two BSCs that work with private schools, Brad Klein of Building Professional of Texas (BPT) and LeVon Dock of Bolana Enterprises, to get an idea of what the back-to-school process has looked like for them

Both Klein and Dock emphasized that they had to be flexible throughout the summer as circumstances changed. Because they primarily work with private schools, each school is able to draft its own individual coronavirus response plan. Those plans underwent multiple changes over the course of the spring and summer as the schools adapted to changing public health guidelines.

Klein said some of his schools have made requests only to change them almost immediately, and stressed that flexibility is key in handling these uncertain times. Accordingly, BPT has met with its schools and pledged to find a way to make things work, no matter what the cleaning plans end up looking like. For Klein, it was important to explain to the schools that BPT understands their dilemma.

"Don't worry about what you have going on, we will figure out how to make this work," Klein said. "I understand that it's going to be a bit of a challenge, but we can come in at a moment's notice and get things fixed up."

For Dock, clear, constant communication has been key this summer. Like BPT, Bolana met with its schools and participated in regular calls with schools' building operations teams and even teachers to get a good sense of how the schools want to proceed with the upcoming academic year.

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