

BCK-IBI GROUP—YOUR SMART SCHOOLS BOND ACT RESOURCE

Employees' CANstruction Carousel Fights Hunger and Wins Awards

Once again BCK-IBI Group sponsored and participated in the 2nd annual Canstruction® of the Southern Tier held at the Oakdale Mall in Johnson City, NY. Canstruction® is an international hunger-relief competition where architects, engineers, and contractors compete to design and build giant structures made entirely from cans of food.

This year our structure was a carousel made of approximately 4,000 cans and was titled "Don't Let Hunger Go-Round." Thanks to the efforts of this year's event, eight teams from local businesses and schools participated, using a total of 22,605 cans of food, all of which were donated to CHOW and the Food Bank of the Southern Tier for distribution to food pantries throughout Broome County. The event this spring also raised \$15,300 in donations that will go to support the Back-Pack program in Broome County. [Click here](#) to view all of the 2015 CANstructions.



BCK-IBI Group is proud to support this fun, charitable event. We were thrilled to be recognized with the Structural Ingenuity and Best Meal awards this year. We hope our participation will bring awareness to food insecurity issues across Broome County, and we look forward to participating again next year.

Office Adds Architectural Designer



Aaron Perelstein

BCK-IBI Group proudly welcomes **Aaron Perelstein** to the firm as an architectural designer.

Aaron has a Bachelor of Architecture degree from University of Miami and is a USGBC LEED Green Associate. He will be responsible for the design of educational, medical, and governmental facilities. Welcome, Aaron!

Broome-Tioga BOCES Expands Use of Technology in Classrooms

Broome-Tioga BOCES is currently in the process of creating new high-technology classrooms for their P-Tech and Tech Academy students. The rooms were organized with a central teaching station and five student cluster areas ([see plan](#)). The classrooms are equipped with media distribution and switching systems to control instructional media sources and displays. The teacher station features a wall mounted LED display, and student stations are equipped with monitors at each student cluster. Not only can the teacher display their screen at each student cluster, but also the students can connect their own laptop or iPad and display it on student monitors.

In order to accomplish this and make best use of other technology, each student cluster is equipped with individual HDMI interfaces at each student station connected to the monitor at each cluster. Each room is also set up to have its own mini network so there is only a fiber connection from the building's data closet to a rack in each room. Both teachers and students are excited to use these new spaces, which are scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2016.

Interested in upgrading your district's technology rooms? Contact [Bill Monahan](#).

Student Internships Advance Careers and Architecture's Future

With an eye on the future, BCK-IBI Group is pleased to participate in several career development activities in the architecture and engineering industry. From Career Day presentations at local high schools to Career Expositions, it has been a goal of BCK-IBI Group to help students interested in architecture and engineering navigate their way through the massive amount of information encountered when choosing this field as a career. In addition, BCK-IBI Group also employs interns at several times during the year to assist in a wide range of activities from schematic design of projects to construction inspection visits.

This summer, BCK-IBI Group is fortunate to have Clara Lattimore and Caitlin Denny on our team as architectural interns. We are always interested in working with more students. If your students have any interest in the architecture or engineering fields, we would love to hear from you.

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Clara Lattimore



Caitlin Denny

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