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## PATTERN TO HOST REGIONAL SUMMIT FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ON MAY 22

On May 22, Pattern will host the Greater Hudson Valley Young Professional Summit, the first event of its kind in the Hudson Valley. Developed in partnership with a regional coalition of young professional (YP) organizations, the Summit will offer entertaining and inspiring speakers, and provide time for networking and socializing to help YPs forge connections across the region. Business sponsors will have a dedicated space to display their products and services. The Summit will take place at the Newburgh Brewery from 4pm-9pm. Tickets for the summit can be purchased at: [www.patternYPsummit.com](http://www.patternYPsummit.com).

"The Greater Hudson Valley Young Professional Summit will bring together the region's young professionals and entrepreneurs, who are key to the future of the Hudson Valley," said Pattern Senior Research Planner Elijah Reichlin-Melnick, a young professional who is working with other Pattern staff in their 20s and 30s to organize the event. "We think this is a unique opportunity for young professionals from White Plains to Middletown to Kingston and beyond to network outside of their own individual communities, to learn, and to have fun," he added.

The event features a keynote speech by a young professional, Meghan Taylor, the Mid-Hudson Regional Director of Empire State Development. Prior to Taylor's keynote, a panel of young professionals will discuss the value of civic and community engagement. Panelists include: Dr. Melissa Gaeke, Director of the Center for Civic Engagement and Leadership and a Professional Lecturer in Political Science at Marist College; Brian Pugh, the Mayor of the Village of Croton; Jenny Fox, Community Relations and Marketing Specialist at TEG Federal Credit Union; and Melissa Clark, the Director of Community Impact at United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region. Other presenters during the Summit include *Poughkeepsie Journal* Opinion Engagement Editor John Penney, who will discuss the "Gig Economy," and Nicholas Mauro, a Senior HR Generalist at Marist College and Principal of Your Career Spark, who will share tips on career advancement.

The Summit is being developed in partnership with five young professional organizations from throughout the Valley: Hudson Valley Young Professionals (Dutchess), Hudson Valley Young Professionals: Gateway Chamber (Northern Westchester), Huguenot Young Professionals & Entrepreneurs (Ulster), Marist Young Professionals, and Orange County Masterminds.

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## Business Council of Westchester Unveils New Data Exchange Portal

### Featuring Pattern's Research

On May 8, the Business Council of Westchester officially unveiled the new [Data Exchange Portal](#) with research provided by Pattern for Progress. This initiative aims to give businesses, investors, civic groups, governments, and residents in the county access to the most relevant and up to date information about Westchester's demographics, business climate, housing, education, and much more. Pattern was commissioned by the BCW last year to provide research for this initiative.

In conjunction with the BCW, Pattern researched and designed the Westchester County Profile, a 40 page, comprehensive overview of the county across many different metrics. View the full profile [here](#). The Data Exchange project provides this basic data free of charge while offering the option for businesses or others who need deeper analysis of data and trends to commission more detailed reports on topics of interest. Requests for custom reports can be made on the [Data Exchange Portal](#).

