**Pattern’s Annual County Leaders Breakfast**

*Sign up now*

They power the future. They set the vision. And in an ever-changing Hudson Valley, you’ll want to hear -- directly from them -- what’s happening and why.

Only Hudson Valley Pattern For Progress gives you the big perspective of what’s happening across the region. We’re doing it again Feb. 28 by bringing together four county leaders for a panel discussion.

Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro, Orange County Executive Steven Neuhaus, Sullivan County Legislative Chairman Luis Alvarez and Ulster County Executive Michael Hein welcome your presence at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel in the City of Poughkeepsie.

We start at 7:45 a.m. This one-of-a-kind event is always a must-attend, so please reserve your seats early. Tickets are $45 for Pattern for Progress members, $60 for non-members. Tables of 10 and sponsorships are available. Call (845) 565-4900 or email rdegroat@pfprogress.org.

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**Media Veteran with Valley Roots Joins Pattern**

After a 30-year media career, Stuart Shinske has joined Pattern as senior vice president for strategic planning and engagement. He will help with content strategy and digital marketing.

Shinske spent 10 years as executive editor of the Poughkeepsie Journal and worked for its parent, Gannett Co., Inc., for 27 years. He oversaw the newsroom, websites, books and magazines. His oversight of investigative reporting resulted in new laws, criminal convictions and revamped public policy. His work was honored with a President’s Ring, Gannett’s highest honor for editors. In four of the last six years, the Journal was named the best news operation in New York by the New York Associated Press.

For nine years, Shinske has been a panelist on WAMC Northeast Public Radio. His “Your Sunday Letter From The Editor” column was honored by the Associated Press. He also has been a frequent public speaker for nonprofit groups, and has worked for USA Today and The New York Times Co.

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**Community Builders Program Seeks Participants— Can Help Set the Valley’s Future**

The next generation of neighborhoods is an important vision when considering the Hudson Valley’s future. Many have ideas, many have concepts. Now, Pattern for Progress offers a bold training program to help those visionaries understand how to make abstract ideas concrete -- and improve lives.

The six-month program, our second, kicks off in January. I’ll teach how to how to frame an issue, what data to seek, where to find money, how to master planning and other regulations, etc. It's a unique all-in-one program, from the folks who have been experts in these areas for 51 years. Call us or go to PatternForProgress.org for more.

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**Social Media Revs Up: Join Us**

It’s a big valley, but it’s well connected on social media. That’s why Pattern is broadening its reach with a new strategy on Facebook and Twitter - and we want you to connect with us.

Every day, Pattern does work that ties to quality of life. We share our expertise with officials. We help solve community problems. We show our commitment to public service via community training programs. We’re in the media. Learn about all of that and more: “Like” us on Facebook (Facebook.com/PatternForProgress) and follow us on Twitter (@HVPattern) to get the latest about our efforts. Stay tuned as we explore other social-media channels as well.

Please also ask your colleagues to connect. And don’t forget about the wealth of material and reports available 24/7 at PatternForProgress.org. Help us tell the valley how we help it.

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**Turturro New Board Chairman**

Pattern’s Executive Board of Directors has new leadership as veteran board member Michael Turturro, CPA, steps into the role of chairman.

Turturro, a partner with the accounting firm RBT, CPA’s, had been vice chairman and has been a Pattern board member since 2009. He succeeds Michael Quinn, president and CEO of Rhinebeck Bank; Quinn completed his leadership role with the conclusion of 2016.

Turturro joined his firm in 1996 and was named a partner in 2004. Earlier, he worked for Aronson, LLC in Washington, D.C., where he performed audits on publicly traded companies. He is a partner in the accounting and client services division of the firm and oversees the Technology Committee. He is in charge of some of the largest “for-profit” clients that his firm serves.

9 local business leaders volunteer on Pattern’s Executive Board of Directors, offering their expertise, community knowledge and insights on how to improve the valley’s quality of life.