Allison Dunne Joins Pattern
Noted broadcast journalist Allison Dunne joined the Pattern for Progress staff this spring as part of a team that will oversee education research and organizational communications. Dunne was mostly recently Hudson Valley Bureau Chief for WAMC Northeast Public Radio. She is also host and producer of the award-winning national radio program “51%” on the women’s perspective.

Pattern Fellows Program Enters Year Nine
More than 150 mid-career professionals from all over the Hudson Valley have now completed the Pattern Fellows Program. The 2014-15 class capped its work in June with graduation. See a full list of Pattern graduates at pattern-for-progress.org. Now, the next class will pick up where that one left off with continued work on urban center revitalization and the attraction of millennials. Some of that work is already seeing results. The village and town of Liberty recently invited Fellows team member Jonnie Wesley Kreuger to present findings about the potentials of the municipal area at a joint meeting of the town and village. For the 2015-16 class, seats are limited to 25 and registration deadline is coming up. For information, call 845-565-4900 or see pattern-for-progress.org

Any $500 Million Ideas?
Pattern staff is involved in compiling the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council’s plan as it competes in the state of New York’s Upstate Revitalization Initiative (URI), a competition to secure $500 million to help boost regions. Your big ideas to help win big funding are sought. Find out more at hvrevitalize.com and please spread the word.

PITTSBURGH’S TURNAROUND MAYOR INSPIRES HV LEADERS

“It’s not about the money, it’s about priorities,” Tom Murphy told a gathering of municipal officials at the June 23 Pattern event, “Downtown Turnaround: Restoring the Promise of our Population Centers.” Mr. Murphy, who served as Pittsburgh mayor for 12 years, delivered the keynote address at the half-day conference held at Rockland County Community College. As Pittsburgh’s mayor, Murphy oversaw the redevelopment of more than 1,000 acres of blighted and abandoned property and the creation of more than 25 miles of riverfront trails and green space. He is now a senior fellow at the Urban Land Institute, a nonprofit education and research organization.

The event was part of Pattern’s three-year-long initiative, the Urban Action Agenda, a project funded partly by the Ford Foundation and partly by donors to Pattern’s 50th anniversary campaign as well as event sponsors AKRF, Orange & Rockland Utilities and Rockland Community College. The UAA is a revitalization planning effort taking place in 25 cities and urban centers throughout the nine counties of the Hudson Valley. Murphy’s message was well-received. City of Middletown Mayor Joseph DeStefano said, “The message from Mayor Murphy is strong, decisive leadership in a city is necessary to bring about change. The Pittsburgh model is one to be followed.” The event also included panel discussions on urban transportation, downtown housing and mixed-used development.

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