Pattern's Annual Event September 24

Come Prepared to be Inspired

Pattern for Progress will host its annual event at Anthony’s Pier 9 on September 24, an evening filled with fun, entertainment, and as is always with Pattern events, food for thought.

The guest speaker for the evening is Wes Moore, CEO of the Robin Hood Foundation, a nonprofit that works to alleviate problems caused by poverty. Moore is a decorated combat veteran, Rhodes Scholar, White House Fellow and a social entrepreneur. He is also the author of The Other Wes Moore, which will soon be a major motion picture by HBO and Oprah Winfrey.

At the event, Moore will give an inspiration-filled talk on transformational leadership, the power of education, and finding the will to achieve any goal. Moore’s book has been used by many colleges as part of freshman orientation.

The reception will offer ample networking opportunities as well as entertainment and delicious food. To reserve your seats and to explore sponsorship opportunities, go to Pattern’s website or email Robin at rdegroat@pfprogress.org.

Pattern to Host Annual Housing Forum on November 1

Save the Date!

Pattern’s Center for Housing Solutions and Urban Initiatives will host its annual housing forum on Friday, November 1.

The theme of the 2019 forum will be “From Blight to Bright.” Pattern will bring together three nationally recognized speakers who will present real time solutions to help mitigate blight and revitalize our communities.

Speakers will discuss the benefits and impacts of land banks and community land trusts, and will address the issue of affordable housing.

Madeline Fletcher, director of Distressed Asset Preservation at NYS Homes and Community Renewal, will moderate a panel on Comprehensive Community Development.
Last month, Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress hosted President John C. Williams of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and his team who were on a two-day listening tour of the Hudson Valley. The visits were part of their effort to assess economic conditions in the Federal Reserve’s Second District.

Pattern invited regional leaders in banking, nonprofit housing and community development to meet with President Williams and share their views on the most pressing challenges facing their communities. The discussions covered regional approaches to affordable housing, CRA lending and equitable development in the Hudson Valley.

The issue of demographic changes in the Hudson Valley was highlighted during the meeting. President Williams also recognized that a shrinking population and shrinking tax base makes it difficult to deliver services and grow the economy.

Pattern for Progress welcomes new member – Dr. Belinda S. Miles, president of Westchester Community College, a State University of New York (SUNY) institution that serves more than 25,000 students.

President since 2015, Miles also serves on national and regional boards at organizations focused on economic mobility, workforce development and the impact of technology on the future of work.

These include American Association of Community Colleges; American Association of Colleges and University Presidents’ Trust; Block Center for Technology and Society at Carnegie Mellon University; COMBASE; Hudson Valley Education Consortium; Westchester-Putnam Workforce Investment; and the Business Council of Westchester.