Pattern’s Annual Event September 24
Come Prepared to be Inspired

Mark your calendars! 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 will be 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.

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 Fellows Program Graduation Held June 19

Eighteen Pattern Fellows graduated on June 19, completing an eight-month-long innovative leadership
curriculum designed to expand the horizons of those already active in their communities and disciplines.

Pattern started the program 13 years ago with the goal of emphasizing the common issues and concerns that bind together the communities of the Hudson Valley and encouraging participants to think about problems in a regional context. Every year, prominent guest speakers from government, business, education and the non-profit sector provide insights and share their experiences with program participants. The participants then spend several months working on a research project that is presented at a graduation and leadership luncheon each June.

This year, Westchester Medical Center partnered with Pattern on the Fellows program to develop a group project focused on the role of anchor institutions, such as hospitals and colleges, in promoting the vitality of the communities in which they operate. Emphasis was on the communities of Kingston, Port Jervis and Poughkeepsie.

At the graduation ceremony on June 19, Pattern Fellows delivered presentations of their research findings. The theme was “MAKING THE CONNECTION: Anchor Institutions & Strong Communities.”

After the graduation ceremony, WMCHealth President and CEO Michael Israel delivered a speech about regionalism and the importance of collaboration in healthcare.

The 2018-19 Pattern Fellows join a group of more than 250 alumni who have completed the program and contributed to the region with important research while creating new relationships with other regional leaders and learning new skills.

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**Pattern Holds Quarterly Mayor’s Forum**

Pattern held its quarterly forum in June dedicated to mid-Hudson city mayors who gathered to share ideas and solutions to their municipality’s challenges. The mayors from Beacon, Poughkeepsie, Kingston, Middletown and Newburgh attended the June forum that also included the Newburgh Land Bank as a guest.

The mayor’s discussed municipal identification cards, which all five municipalities started issuing this year. They also discussed land banks, which some municipalities already have in place and some are exploring, the Emergency Tenant Protection Act, and who is moving into their respective communities. The forums are designed so that the leaders can offer their insights on issues that set their cities on a pathway toward revitalization. Each city hosts one of the forums and provides the topics for discussion. Pattern provides data and trend analysis, and specific research to assist the host city’s agenda. The June forum was hosted by Newburgh.

**Pattern Board Adopts Updated Strategic Plan**

The Board of Directors of Pattern for Progress unanimously voted on June 10 to adopt an updated strategic plan that will guide the organization for the next three years.

“The updated strategic plan recommits Pattern to its core mission of working to improve the quality of life in the Hudson Valley, and includes new actions that the organization will undertake to support that mission,” said Jonathan Drapkin, president and CEO of Pattern for Progress. “Pattern is grateful to members of the board who dedicated their time over two months to help update its path for the next three years.”

Pattern updates its strategic plan every three years to ensure that it always stays true to its mission – to improve the quality of life in the Hudson Valley. Pattern’s strategic plan allows it to not only tackle the larger regional issues but to also address the ones that “pop-up” and need immediate action.

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