Pattern to Host 2nd Annual Young Professionals Summit

The 2nd Annual Greater Hudson Valley Young Professional Summit is here!

Pattern will host the popular gathering of young professionals in the Hudson Valley again this year on May 23 at SUNY New Paltz. The summit is a collaboration between Pattern and The Hudson Valley Network for Young Professionals, sponsors, partners, chambers of commerce, business associations and young professional organizations throughout the region.

The only event of its kind in the nine-county region of the Hudson Valley, the summit will offer a variety of workshops, panels, speakers, and ample time for networking. Some of the panels include: Understanding your working style – A guide to effective team building; The future of women’s leadership; How I did it – Entrepreneurship in the Hudson Valley; Who’s who in Hudson Valley tech; What’s the secret? What young professional & entrepreneurs need to reach unlimited success; and Inclusive leadership in an evolving & diverse workplace.

The summit has been planned and organized by Eric Pierson, senior research planner at Pattern, and Evan Menist, research planner, along with a dedicated steering committee of diverse young professionals representing communities from throughout the Hudson Valley. At the summit, Pierson and Menist will offer an overview on the state of the Hudson Valley from the perspective of young professionals.

Pattern intends to make a major announcement at the summit, so stay tuned.

This year’s keynote is Matthew Castelli, a young professional and Hudson Valley native from the Central Intelligence Agency. His address will provide inspiration around leadership and unique insights into his career, lessons learned, and how the next generation of Hudson Valley leaders can rise to the challenge facing the region and our future.

After the summit, Pattern will host an after party in New Paltz, and Friday morning on May 24th, attendees are invited to join a free hike at Mohonk Preserve.

The 2018 Summit was sold out. To learn more about the summit and to register visit The Summit website.
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Pattern to Host "Making the Connection: Strengthening the Region"

Four Hudson Valley county executives will gather Monday, May 13, to discuss how working together will ensure sustainability for the Hudson Valley region.

Hosted by Pattern for Progress, the “Making the Connection: Strengthening the Region” conversation between the top elected officials will be held at the Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac. County executives George Latimer of Westchester, Marcus Molinaro of Dutchess, MaryEllen Odell of Putnam and Ed Day of Rockland will participate in the conversation on government efficiency and the need to focus on the Hudson Valley as a region. Pattern President and CEO Jonathan Drapkin will moderate the discussion.

Come join the four county executives as they discuss collaboration. For ticket information, contact Robin DeGroat at 845-565-4900 or email rdegroat@pfprogress.org, or purchase tickets here.

Pattern Brings Together Three Winners of the $10 Million Downtown Revitalization Initiative

The mayors of three Hudson Valley cities that received $10 million each in funding from Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) gathered April 24 at SUNY Orange’s Newburgh campus to discuss their experience negotiating the high stakes application process and responded to questions from community leaders who are considering applying for the funds to help transform their neighborhoods into vibrant communities.

Mayors Joe DeStefano of Middletown, Steve Noble of Kingston, and Noam Bramson of New Rochelle also discussed where they are in the various stages of the program. The panel discussion, which came just days after the state announced another round of funding for the program, was moderated by Jonathan Drapkin, president and CEO of Pattern for Progress.

“We couldn’t be more pleased that we’re holding the event just days after Gov. Cuomo announced the fourth round of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative,” said Drapkin. “We hope the information conveyed today will result in more communities seeking to apply, armed with strategies on how to create a successful application.”

Middletown, the first DRI winner in the Hudson Valley, has projects that are well underway, with several completed. Kingston, the second winner, has had several of its projects approved by the state and has started implementing them. New Rochelle has finished the planning and community engagement phase of the project.

In its fourth year, the DRI program will invest $100 million in 10 additional downtown neighborhoods across the state. Participating communities are nominated by the state’s 10 Regional Economic Development Councils (REDCs) based on the downtown’s potential for transformation. Each community is awarded $10 million to develop a downtown strategic investment plan and implement key catalytic projects that advance the community’s vision for revitalization.
Pattern’ Jonathan Drapkin Addresses Urban Affairs Conference at West Point

Pattern for Progress President and CEO Jonathan Drapkin addressed a group of cadets and provided an overview of Pattern's Urban Action Agenda, or UAA, at the annual Urban Affairs Conference hosted at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

The UAA is a program that Pattern for Progress designed to foster the revitalization of urban areas throughout the Hudson Valley and the nine counties that make up Pattern's footprint: Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester.

Drapkin discussed the work of the UAA in Orange County and talked about issues relating to metro areas outside of New York. Joe Czajka, senior vice president for research, development and community planning also took part in the talk, providing a demographic overview of the region and the urban centers of Orange County.

“I thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the cadets,” said Drapkin. “Their commitment to service is extraordinary. It was fun to talk to them about issues that are of extreme interest to Pattern and to see how passionate they are about service.”

The purpose of the urban affairs conference, held this year on April 23, was to facilitate interaction and constructive discussion between civilians and West Point cadets in order to better understand current urban issues in the United States and globally. Issues discussed this year included policing, infrastructure, resource scarcity, race and inequality, changes in education policy and military operations in cities.

Pattern in Final Stages of Updating Its Strategic Plan

The Strategic Planning Committee of Pattern for Progress has held three of four planned sessions to draft an updated strategic plan that will guide the organization for the next three years.

The committee will meet for the last session on May 10 to finalize the draft strategic plan. 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 arise and need immediate action.

The final plan will be presented to Pattern's full board on June 10 for its approval.

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