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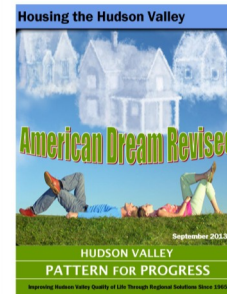


Pattern for Progress opens a new chapter in the legacy of the Hudson Valley region's namesake when it confers the first series of Henry Awards on a group of 10 organizations and community leaders on Thursday, November, 7.

The awards will be given at our annual meeting and awards reception, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor. To become a sponsor, reserve a seat or a table, please call the Pattern office at (845)565-4900, email rdegroat@pfprogress.org. Recipients of the 2013 Henrys are:

- **David MacFarland**, former President of Riverside Bank - the Lifetime Achievement Award.
- **Richard Rowley** - the Excelsior Award for Regional Leadership.
- **Diego Aviles**, vice president of the YMCA of Greater NY - the Regional Fellows Award.
- **Alan Seidman** of the Construction Contractors Association and **Ross Pepe** of the Construction Industry Council of Westchester and Hudson Valley- the Regional Achievement Award.
- **Sean Eldridge**, president and founder of Hudson River Ventures - the Economic Development Award on behalf of Hudson River Ventures.
- **Linda Muller**, President and CEO of The Greater Hudson Valley Family Health Center - the Quality of Life Award for Healthcare on behalf of the Health Center.
- **Dominic Cordisco** and **John Lavelle**, co-chairs of the Orange County Partnership's Alliance for Balanced Growth - the Quality of Life Award for Conservation and Land Use.
- **Mary Kay Vrba**, executive director of Dutchess County Tourism - the Quality of Life Award for Tourism.
- **Mike Hein**, Ulster County Executive - the Quality of Life Award for Improvement of Urban Areas for the S.T.R.I.V.E. re-purposed school project in the City of Kingston.
- **Thomas Endres**, president, and **Michael Finnegan**, CEO, of Continental Organics - the Quality of Life Award for Agriculture.

Housing Report: American Dream Revised



The Center for Housing Solutions at Pattern for Progress has released its annual report, "**Housing in the Hudson Valley: American Dream Revised.**"

The report explains through data and research that homeownership remains out of reach for many in the Hudson Valley. It was presented to 140 housing sector professionals at the Center's annual luncheon on Sept. 24.

The report details the precipitous decline in home mortgage applications in the Hudson Valley in a four-county study area of Orange, Dutchess, Ulster and Rockland counties. In the aggregate, conventional applications dropped by 80% in the six-year period of 2005 to 2011. Would-be homeowners submitted 30,327 mortgage applications in 2005. That number dropped to 5,909 in 2011.

"The decline is dramatic and telling," said Joe Czajka, a Vice President at Pattern and Executive Director of the Center for Housing Solutions. "While the recession is presumed to be over, the path to homeownership remains littered with obstacles. Those barriers include a revival of rigor in bank requirements and the inability of would-be homeowners to save for down payment and closing costs that can easily top \$20,000." Real estate taxes, low-wage jobs and, for the hard-hit millennial generation (ages 18 to 34), student debt continue to pose significant hurdles. Renting has now become a viable and sometimes sought-after option, though a shortage of rental units is now on the rise.

Find the report at
www.pattern-for-progress.org



Pattern on the Road: Middletown, Oct. 2 *Schools Forum Will Address Funding for Education*

Pattern for Progress President Jonathan Drapkin will address the public at a region-wide schools forum Wednesday at 7 p.m., Oct. 2. The forum on public school finance takes place at the Twin Towers Middle School auditorium, 112 Grand Avenue, Middletown. Representatives and the public from more than 60 school districts in six Hudson Valley counties are expected to attend.

Welcome New Board Member, Dr. Geoffrey Brackett



Marist College Executive Vice President Geoffrey Brackett was elected to the Pattern Board at the Sept. 9 meeting of the Board of Directors. Geoffrey, originally joined Marist in 2010. He had previously been at Pace University for more than 20 years, most recently serving as provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.

