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Two Join Pattern Board

SUNY New Paltz President Donald Christian and AKRF Senior Vice President Graham Trelstad were appointed May 13 to the Pattern for Progress Board of Directors.



Donald Christian was appointed the eighth President at the State University of New York at New Paltz, in June 2011. Prior to that, he served as interim president and as provost and vice president for academic affairs at the college. In addition to serving as President, Dr. Christian is a professor in the biology department. Prior to his arrival at New Paltz, Christian was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and a professor of biology at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.



Graham Trelstad, AICP, is Director of Planning for the Hudson Valley office of the New York City-based firm, AKRF. Mr. Trelstad graduated with a B.A. in Urban Studies from Columbia University and received an M.E.S. from the Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. He has more than 15 years of experience in community and regional planning, environmental impact assessment, integrated transportation and land use planning, and visual impact assessment.



NYU STUDENTS MEASURE NEWBURGH

Four master's degree candidates and faculty advisor Dennis Smith from NYU's Wagner School of Public Administration presented "NewburghStat," their final project, on May 21 at Pattern's office. The project proposes using hard numbers to set policy in the city and to engage citizens by providing accessible information. The year-long project was meant to help the City of Newburgh and to establish a model for other cities. It was managed by Pattern for Progress in conjunction with Mount St. Mary College and the City of Newburgh. Pattern Fellows have completed a companion project.

O'BEIRNE MEMORIAL GRANT WILL ASSIST IN LEADERSHIP WORK

A generous grant to Pattern for Progress from the Richard P. O'Beirne Memorial Foundation will be used to support further training of the Hudson Valley's future leaders. The grant was announced in May by members of the O'Beirne family. Richard O'Beirne died in 2011 at the age of 70 and was a member of the Pattern board at the time of his death. Richard served as Executive Director of the Construction Contractors Association for 25 years from 1983 to 2008. He was widely recognized as one of the region's top leaders in business, industry and labor.

"Our dad's vision was for an always-greater Hudson Valley: One with abundant job opportunities, one with an educated, talented workforce and one with unsurpassed family and community spirit," said Colleen Maraday, one of Mr. O'Beirne's five daughters. "It is in this spirit that we have selected Pattern for Progress to receive one of the first grants to be given by the memorial foundation."



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