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Pattern conference to focus on crisis in public finance, tax cap

Includes upcoming Pattern report on year No. 1 of the NYS Tax Cap

NEWBURGH — Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress will host its annual conference on local government on June 19.

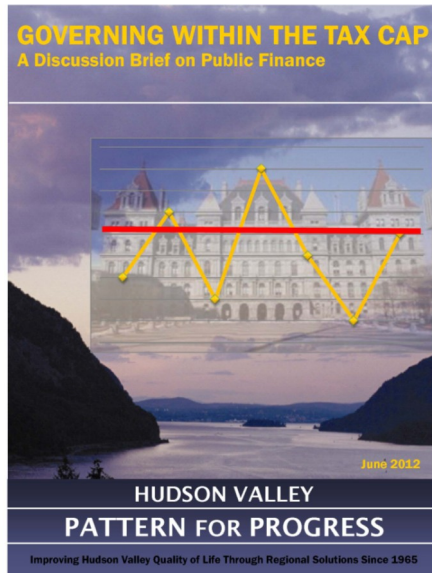
The conference will focus on the financial crisis facing many local governments, along with a discussion about New York's 2-percent tax cap and how it affected local governments and school districts in its first year.

The conference will coincide with the release of a new Pattern for Progress report, "Governing within the Tax Cap," which looks back at challenges presented by the tax cap in its first year, lessons learned, and how the cap has spurred local governments to change their structure and services.

Former state Assemblyman Richard Brodsky will deliver a morning address on what he learned about the crisis in public finance from studying Yonkers. His address will be followed by a panel discussion among officials from the State Comptroller's Office, the New York State Government Finance Officers' Association, the Fiscal Policy Institute, and the SUNY New Paltz Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach.

The conference will also feature breakout sessions for counties and cities, towns and villages, and school districts. It will be capped by a keynote from Robin Prunty, managing director of public finance ratings at Standard & Poor's, and a workshop on long-term financial planning.

Pattern's local government conference is sponsored this year by Keane & Beane, PC; Mohonk Preserve; Pannone Lopes Deveraux & West, LLC; and the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey.



Government conference event and registration information

When: Tuesday, June 19, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: The Hudson Auditorium at Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh

Registration: \$50 for Pattern Members, \$60 for non-members, \$30 civic rate for elected and appointed officials from local governments and schools

[Click here](#) to access the registration form. Call us at (845) 565-4900 for more information about sponsorship or registration.

New York Times columnist to address Pattern Fellows

Fellows graduation to include keynote from Adam Bryant, author of "The Corner Office"

A New York Times business columnist and best-selling author will deliver the keynote address to this year's class of Pattern for Progress Fellows.

Adam Bryant, an award-winning journalist who writes the "Corner Office" column for the Sunday Times, will speak to the class of Hudson Valley leaders during their graduation program on June 13. Bryant's column features interviews with CEOs of the nation's largest companies, such as Microsoft, Disney, General Motors and more. The interviews tell how the executives use leadership, management and innovation to steer their companies toward success.

In 2011, Bryant expanded upon several of his column interviews to create a New York Times best-selling book called "The Corner Office: Indispensable and Unexpected Lessons from CEOs on how to Lead and Succeed." The book is used as the textbook for the Pattern Fellows program.



Adam Bryant

Bryant lives in Westchester County with his family. From 1988-1991, he was a business reporter and editor at the Times Herald-Record.

At the graduation program, four teams of fellows will present their projects, which include efforts to expand recycling, redevelop an industrial building in a small city, and more. The Pattern Fellows Program was started in 2007 to expand the horizons of those already recognized as leaders in their disciplines and communities, by helping them explore regional approaches to their work.

The Fellows Graduation will be held from 12-2 p.m. at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor. The event is sponsored by DJ Consulting Services, and Vanacore, DeBenedictus, DiGiovanni & Weddell.

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Food hubs initiative, housing focus group and other Progress notes

- Pattern continued its outreach last month to the farming community, restaurant owners and food distributors as part of its **Hudson Valley Food Hubs Initiative**. The project is studying whether new infrastructure, such as a food hub, would help local farmers get their products to market. As part of our research, Pattern Vice President Sarah Brannen facilitated four listening sessions in May. Two of them were mentioned in local newspaper stories which can be found by clicking [here](#) and [here](#). Thus far we have heard from more than 200 stakeholders along the food value chain. Those who want to contribute their thoughts can fill out a questionnaire on our website, which can be found by [clicking here](#).
- Pattern will host a **Community Development Focus Group** later this month to exchange ideas about community priorities and housing needs in the Hudson Valley, along with creative ways to meet those goals in the current economic environment. The group of housing nonprofit agencies will discuss real estate development challenges, leveraging state grant funds, and the valley's housing outlook in the near and long term. The gathering is being sponsored by TD Bank.
- Pattern Chairman **John Rath**, senior vice president at TD Bank, has been named chair of United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region's 2012 Workplace Campaign. The annual campaign raised more than \$2.2 million in 2011. Funds raised during the Workplace Campaign enable United Way to rally the community to solve quality-of-life issues.
- Pattern board member **Michael Quinn** recently led Rhinebeck Savings Bank through a rebranding, changing its name to Rhinebeck Bank and opening a new full-service branch in Fishkill. Quinn is president and CEO of Rhinebeck Bank.



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