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White Plains Hospital Named Top Performer in the Country

Plus Robert Astorino's redux.

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White Plains Hospital has been named a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures® by **The Joint Commission**, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in America. The hospital was recognized for exemplary performance in using evidence-based clinical processes that are shown to improve care for certain conditions. The hospital is one of 1,099 hospitals in the U.S. to earn this distinction.

The Westchester Community College Foundation Board of Directors received the **AFP Leadership in Philanthropy Award** at the AFP NY Westchester's premier full-day fundraising conference. This event is one of the hallmark annual philanthropy events held as part of the Association for Fundraising Professionals (AFP) National Philanthropy Day®. The event features internationally recognized experts in philanthropy.

Bill Cary, features writer and garden blogger for *The Journal News* and *LoHud.com*, received The Westchester Community College Native Plant Center's Acorn Award on October 20, 2013 at the Gateway Center at the college. The award recognizes an individual or group that inspires people to learn about native plants and to grow them in their own gardens. Past recipients were Martha Stewart and Gregory Long.

The First Niagara Foundation announced a \$40,000 donation to the **YWCA of White Plains and Central Westchester** for its **Girls Empowered through Meaningful Support (GEMS)** youth mentoring after-school program. The \$40,000 donation, which was announced on October 28, was one of 33 grants totaling \$1 million awarded through First Niagara's Mentoring MattersSM signature grant program.

NEW BUSINESSES, RELOCATIONS, OPERATIONS

Jeffrey Dunne and **David Gavin** of **CBRE's New York Institutional Group** represented **Acadia Realty Trust** in the sale of Pelham Manor Shopping Plaza for approximately \$58.5 million. The team was also responsible for procuring the buyer, Retail Properties of America, Inc. Pelham Manor Shopping Plaza is a 228,000+ sq ft, high volume center in a densely populated market—1.1 million residents in a five-mile radius.

Nonprofit Westchester (NPW), an advocacy group that represents more than 80 Westchester nonprofits has welcomed five new members: **My Sister's Place**; **the New York School for the Deaf Foundation Inc.**; **The LOFT: LGBT Community Services Center**; **Groundwork Hudson Valley**; and **Songcatchers**.

OFM, an office and school furniture manufacturer, distributor, together with Quartet®, the world's largest supplier of whiteboards, recently launched the “**Do You Doodle?**” contest in search of the best whiteboard art from offices around the country. Contestants can enter through November 30, 2013, via the OFM Facebook page by uploading an images of their image whiteboard art. To enter, visit: <http://bit.ly/DoYouDoodleContest>.