The Latino Professional Alliance (LPA) is made up of employees from all around the University. Our members volunteer their time to plan, organize, and participate in events throughout the year, including volunteering at Latino/Hispanic Heritage Family Day at the Memorial Art Gallery; marching at the Rochester Puerto Rican Parade; holding networking events; and celebrating cultural events on campus.

In November 2012, LPA hosted its first annual Latino Cultural Symposium featuring research and information about education, health, language, and civic engagement concerning the Latino community both locally and globally. The symposium included presenters and research from the Department of Linguistics; Warner School of Education; the Center for Community Health; Project Hope & El Camino; Faculty Development and Diversity; Facing Race, Embracing Equity; and the Spanish and Latino Students’ Association.

The LPA, 2010 winner of the Presidential Diversity Award, is committed to building and a positive work environment and to supporting the growth and development of Latinos at the University. Each individual employed at the University of Rochester is considered a professional, and, therefore, LPA aims to build an alliance among all employees in our workplace who support LPA’s mission.

In 2013, LPA will host its annual Three Kings Day event in January and a general meeting is planned for June. Membership is open to all University employees and retirees; if you are interested in participating or finding out how to get involved, please email URLPA@rochester.edu or visit the LPA website at www.rochester.edu/diversity/affinity/lpa to sign up for the LPA newsletter.