

Hispanic/Latinx Clubs and Organizations at UVA

Cultural Organizations

Latinx Student Alliance (LSA)

LSA serves as the representative voice of the Hispanic/Latinx community inside and outside of the University and aims to strengthen and empower this community to advance socially, politically, culturally, and academically. LSA serves as the coordinating body, or umbrella, for Hispanic/Latinx organizations on Grounds so as to ensure that as a community they are knowledgeable and supportive of each other's efforts. The Latinx Student Alliance shall actively seek to encompass the Hispanic/Latinx community in its entirety and to provide an array of opportunities for Latinxs at UVA to get engaged and connect with one another.

Hispanic/Latinx Peer Mentor Program (PMP)

PMP assists Hispanic/Latinx and Latin American first-year and transfer students with their college transition by providing one-on-one guidance through a use of peer mentors. In addition, PMP offers a wide range of academic, social, and career development programs designed to support each student's transition to college and to help create a strong sense of community. Our core purpose is to guide and support Latinx students to enrich their experience at UVA. We provide a base of support by uniting Latinx students among themselves to support their integration into the UVA community at large.

Political Latinxs United for Movement and Action in Society (PLUMAS)

The mission for PLUMAS is to engage the Latinx community, its supporters at UVA, and the surrounding area by providing a safe, proactive space for students to vocalize and discuss substantive social justice issues affecting the Latinx community both on Grounds, the Greater Charlottesville Community, the United States and Latin America. PLUMAS seeks to create civic engagement and awareness of social and political issues through education, advocacy, and direct action.

Casa Writers for Freedom

A Movement toward Freedom of Expression in Cuba. Freedom Writers serves the purpose of educating the UVA community of current Cuban events and conducting letter writing campaigns to advocates of freedom of expression in Cuba. Freedom Writers participates, and encourages others to participate, in the greater international effort to promote human rights in Cuba with a specific goal of promoting freedom of expression. Though primarily existing as a letter writing campaign, Freedom Writers participates in other activities that work toward this goal.

La Casa Bolivar (Spanish House)

La Casa Bolivar is a language/culture immersion residence hall affiliated with the Spanish Department and closely linked to the Hispanic/Latinx student community. Through its name, La Casa Bolivar honors UVA's first Latin American student, Fernando Bolivar, nephew of patriot Simon Bolivar.

Towards a Better Latin America (TBLA)

TBLA is an organization that works throughout the year to collect funds for one or two specific projects chosen at the beginning of each year by its members. Founded in 2002, they have worked on different projects in countries such as Ecuador, Peru, Colombia, El Salvador, Cuba and Nicaragua.

Students Helping Honduras (SHH)

SHH is part of a registered nonprofit that seeks to provide economic and educational opportunities to communities in Honduras and to engage students and young professionals in its projects from beginning to end. This year the UVA chapter is looking to send several service groups down to El Progreso, Honduras to work on the Sunshine Village, a village rebuilding project involving the construction of 72 new homes for families affected by Hurricane Mitch in 1998. In the United States, SHH members develop project ideas, fundraise, and spread awareness of the conditions in Honduras.

Fraternities and Sororities



Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.



Sigma Lambda Upsilon/ Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc.



La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc.

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Religious Organizations

Destino

Destino at UVA is a non-denominational ministry for men and women to experience Christ through the unique expression of Latino cultural heritage. The student-led movement seeks to introduce students to Christ, help them to grow in faith, encourage them to passionately live life in a manner consistent with belief in the God of the Bible, and inspire commitment to advancing the purposes of God in the world.

Artistic & Performance Organizations

Fuego Dance Team

Fuego Dance promotes and exhibits Latino culture through performance art of dance at UVA and surrounding areas.

Professional Organizations

Daniel Hale Williams Pre-Medical and Pre-Dental Society (D.H.W.)

The Daniel Hale Williams Pre-Med and Pre-Dental Society is a support system for undergraduate students, helping them succeed through academic counseling and support, curriculum guidance, peer-support and post-graduate assistance.

National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS)

The purpose of NOMAS is to foster communication and fellowship among minority architecture students, to act as a clearing-house for information on and for minority architecture students, and to maintain liaisons with professionals and technicians.

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)

SHPE is a nation-wide organization which promotes advancement of Hispanics in engineering, science, and education. As part of our work with the University, we develop study groups, participate in programs that would benefit students seeking leadership and professional careers, assist in locating and providing scholarships, attend national and regional conferences to introduce members to Corporate America, all with the goal of supporting and enhancing the Hispanic student's educational goals.

Latin American Law Organization (LALO)

LALO is an all-inclusive student group devoted to increasing awareness of legal issues facing Latinxs and Latin America. The group works to increase Latinx representation at the Law School, augments the exploration of Hispanic-related issues in the law, and provides cultural and social programming that is of interest to the Law School community.

Minorities in Nursing Today (MINT)

MINT promotes unity among minority nursing students, cultural diversity and awareness within the School of Nursing, and educates and recruits minority students interested in the field of Nursing.

Latin American Student Association (LASA)

LASA at Darden is committed to providing students of Latin descent and others with interests in Latin American cultures within the Darden community with a forum to pursue cultural, professional, and social activities and opportunities.

Latinx Leadership Institute at UVA

An 8-week, student-facilitated, and cohort-based leadership development program for 1st and 2nd Year Hispanic/Latinx emerging leaders. Recruitment takes place in the fall, ahead of sessions which typically take place in the Spring Semester, culminating in a final presentation in which participants present their findings on a semester-long project tackling issues within the Hispanic/Latinx community.

National Network of Latin American Medical Students (NNLAMS-UVA)

NNLAMS is devoted to meeting the unique educational and social needs of Latin American medical students. This includes efforts to foster student-faculty interaction, conducting community service, organizing health outreach to the surrounding Latinx communities, and increasing communication among Latin American medical students at the University of Virginia. NNLAMS incorporates itself into the School of Medicine by collaborating with other medical student associations, promoting the recruitment and retention of Latinx medical students and educating medical students on Latinx health issues. Further, NNLAMS offers a forum through which students can voice their concerns about issues pertinent to the Latinx medical community.

**Not all organizations are listed. To find more, visit <https://atuva.student.virginia.edu>