OPAL Latinx Student Advising is looking for first-year students to join this year’s LPS Cohort. Students in the LPS cohort will build a community bond, receive one-on-one mentoring, and grow as leaders in their community.

The Latinx Partnerships for Success (LPS) First-Year Cohort is open to all self-identifying members of the Latinx community who are new incoming students. Students will participate in a year-long program with differing program requirements each term.

What is a cohort? Why is LPS designed as a cohort?
A cohort is a group of people who have banded together to form a community of support and companionship. The LPS First-Year Cohort will be a group of your peers with whom you will form a bond over the course of your first year. As you transition between being on and off campus during your second and third years at Dartmouth, this group will also be experiencing similar transitions and can help serve as a source of strength and connection.

Goals of LPS First-Year Cohort:
• Provide an opportunity for first-year Latinx students to meet and connect with other students in their class year. This will help you build a support network for your time at Dartmouth.
• Connect both younger and older students in an inter-generational mentoring relationship. This will help students share knowledge and advice (consejos y conocimientos) that will help you thrive at Dartmouth.
• Create opportunities for professional and leadership development that are culturally geared and specific. This will create a group of first-year students that is prepared to step into leadership roles in their community and on campus.

First-Year students who apply to join LPS commit to the following:
• Fall 2017 – attend weekly discussions on Fridays from 3:30-5:00 p.m. (this is during the time period after classes end). Each week, discussions will cover topics relevant to campus life and Latinx identity. Sessions will vary and include group discussion, activities, and panels featuring upperclass students.
• Winter 2017 – meet regularly with assigned mentor. Students who complete the Fall 2017 First Year Cohort will be paired with an upperclass student for mentoring. Mentor/Mentee pairs will have an opportunity to attend socials together and to get to know other pairs in the program and the broader Latinx community.
• Spring 2017 – attend at least 3 leadership/professional development activities. Students will spend this term developing as leaders in their community and preparing for future academic and professional opportunities. Opportunities include a resume workshop, completion of a leadership skills inventory, preparation for internships and study abroad, and an exploration of undergraduate research
• After: Pay it Forward! LPS participants will be prepared to serve as active and engaged members of the Latinx community. Whether you choose to join the LHM Committee, become an officer in a student organization, or become an LPS Mentor or Fellow, you will have the skills and competencies needed to succeed!

To Apply:
• Complete the OPAL Mentoring Program application by Sept 13th at midnight
  ○ www.dartgo.org/mentoring

Questions?
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