



**Latino Leadership
Development Program**

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Carmen Albert is an attorney at Harter Secrest & Emery LLP. She joined the LLDP Class of 2011 to better understand the issues facing the Rochester Latino community and resources available to deal with these challenges. She plans to join a local board, volunteer monthly for a local non-profit organization and continue to serve as a member of the Susan B. Anthony Development Committee.



Lisette Castro is a harm reduction coordinator at AIDS Care. Lisette joined the program to further her leadership skills. By staying connected with her LLDP “brothers and sisters” Lisette hopes to make a positive change in the Latino community; she hopes to expand her volunteering as well.



Edgar Colón is a health navigator at Ibero American Action League, Inc. He joined the 2011 LLDP class with a goal to develop professionally and to fulfill his responsibility as a positive member of our community. He plans on using his strengths to help others and serve as a positive influence to his community.

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Lillian Colón is a family support advocate at Ibero American Action League, Inc. She joined the 2011 LLDP class to improve the services she provides to Latino families in our community. She hopes to expand her board involvement upon completion of the program.



Maritza Cubi is a bilingual parent education specialist. Maritza participated in the program to enhance her leadership skills to feel empowered as a Latina woman. She plans to use the skills acquired through LLDP to make a difference in our community.



Fernando DeJesús is a senior counselor at East House Corporation. Fernando joined the 2011 LLDP class to enhance his leadership skills and to help others in the Latino community. He hopes to increase his volunteer work and his involvement with his employer's cultural competence program through leadership and education.

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Marisol Galarza-Ruiz is an assistant Spanish professor for Monroe Community College. She joined the 2011 LLDP class to enhance her leadership and communication skills, learn about non-profit organizations and become familiar with Latino success in the community. Her goals are to create a program to help Latino youth in the suburbs and to serve on boards to be a resource for our community and members of the LLDP.



Janet Gómez is a revenue collection manager for the City of Rochester. She joined the 2011 LLDP class to grow as a leader and to refine her communication and organizational skills. Janet plans to serve diligently as a community advocate, empowered by the knowledge she received through LLDP.



Daniel López is a credit and collection professional at Time Warner Cable. He joined the 2011 LLDP class because a voice within him reminded him to become involved with the community that he loves. Daniel felt he needed to improve on public speaking and delegating. He wants to inspire the community's disadvantaged youth as a mentor to provide the message that "yes, you can become successful through hard work and, most importantly, by believing in yourself."

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Eduardo Pabon is a call center professional for Time Warner Cable. He joined the LLDP Class of 2011 to cull his public speaking and leadership skills, as well as to discover ways to give back to the community. Eduardo plans to be a voice on boards and committees to help the community overcome societal struggles.



Maycanitza Pérez is a program administrator of East High School in the Rochester City School District. She joined LLDP to network outside of her field, learn about coaching strategies, make a positive impact on herself first, and then take responsibility to become a change agent in the community. Maycanitza plans to network more often in order to bring resources back to her school building to continually develop a positive school culture. She is also interested in joining other organizations to bring more awareness to issues related to the Latino population.



Luz Ramirez is a customer service supervisor at Verizon Wireless. She joined the 2011 LLDP Class to find a committee that could help her make a community impact, as well as to network in the area. Luz plans to dedicate herself to making an impact within an organization and continuing to network with LLDP graduates.

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Jeannette Ramos-Laza is an operations specialist for Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection. She joined LLDP to get to know herself better, as well as to learn what agencies the city of Rochester has that can help the community. Jeannette plans to serve the Rochester community by joining committees and boards. She wants to make a change, even if it is only a little change.



Berta Rivera is an outreach manager and volunteer for Empire Justice Center-C.A.S.H. Coalition. She joined the LLDP Class of 2011 for leadership development in adaptability and culture in order to empower the Latino community and enrich the lives around her. Berta's goal is to become an active volunteer with an organization that addresses critical issues within the Hispanic community in order to affect change.



Yversha Román is a program manager at The Center for Youth Services, Inc. She joined the 2011 LLDP class to get to know herself and the key issues in the Latino community better. Yversha looks forward to searching for her place to be a presence and to make a difference in the community.

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Edwin Rosa Jr. is a career counselor for Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection. He joined the 2011 LLDLP Class to become a more effective listener in order to become more aware of issues within the Latino community. Edwin plans to use his newfound knowledge to take action to make a day to day difference as a proactive citizen.



Merari Rowley-Pacheco is a team manager for Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection. She joined the 2011 LLDLP Class to establish more involved relationships within the community. Merari hopes to serve on a board to make a difference by adding a voice.



Angie L. Santiago is the CAPP health educator and PATHS program assistant at the Ibero-American Action League. She participated to cull her networking skills and create more of a basis for Latinos in Rochester and learn how to best represent that community. Angie's goal is to serve on the Latinas Unidas board, as well as make a direct positive impact on the community.

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Ivelisse Santiago is a bilingual service representative for the City of Rochester. She wanted to join the LLDP Class of 2011 to become a better person for herself and others, as well as to open up in group situations. Ivelisse wants to become a more optimistic person and to volunteer more actively in the community.



Angie Torres is a quality service coordinator at Monroe Plan for Medical Care. She participated to acquire public speaking and persuasive skills. Angie hopes to serve as a committee member for a Latino community services organization board.



Nelida I. Torres is an administrative receptionist at PathStone Corporation. She wanted to join the LLDP Class of 2011 to enrich her voice and presence, as well as develop relationships with Latinos in order to lead united. Nelida plans to immerse herself with passion to effect change in Rochester in areas where it needs the most help.

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Peterson A. Vazquez is a revenue officer for the U.S. Department of the Treasury. He wanted to join the LLDP Class of 2011 in order to foster change within current systems that are not using services to their greatest potential. Peterson hopes to help determine the root cause of problems to prevent future issues and be a leader locally and nationally.



Miguel Velázquez is the chief information officer for the Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority. He participated to acquire leadership skills that would allow him to better serve his employer, his community and his culture. Miguel plans to network with other professionals to make an impact on young Latinos and provide a better future for them in Rochester.



Blanca E. Vallone is a member service representative for ESL Federal Credit Union. She wanted to join the LLDP Class of 2011 to become more informed about the problems the Latino community faces. Blanca hopes to research community needs and show her support by volunteering. Her goal is to let her actions speak louder than her words.

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Margarita Rivera-Gonzalez is the front office manager at AIDS Care. She wanted to join the LLDP Class of 2011 to make a difference in the community and become a better leader for her career and for the rest of her life. Margarita plans to serve and be a role model for the youth of the community.



Jessica Valle is the call center and support services supervisor for Planned Parenthood of the Rochester/Syracuse Region Inc. She participated to become more familiar with the community's needs and to enhance her leadership skills. Jessica plans to become a more active volunteer in the community and serve on an organization's board.



Raquel Serrano is a service representative liaison for the City of Rochester. She wanted to join the LLDP Class of 2011 to gain new perspectives on community issues as well as to sharpen her supervisory skills. Raquel's passion for community mobilization is steering her toward volunteering her time and creating a task force or committee to serve the Rochester Latino community.

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