In 2007, faculty with a shared interest in the health of advanced physics laboratory courses (those offered beyond the first year of college) created ALPhA, the Advanced Laboratory Physics Association. Over the past 8 years, ALPhA activities have involved faculty from a sizeable fraction of the physics departments in the United States. In the first part of this talk, I will overview ALPhA’s efforts and its impact. In the second part of the talk I will discuss the advanced laboratory curricula at the University of Wisconsin River Falls, which was developed over several decades using minimal resources for maximum impact.

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