

## Spotlight on... Hector Ortega

Hector Ortega has been a valued staff member of Southwest Leadership Academy since the day we opened. As SLA's only maintenance worker, Hector always has his hands full, ensuring the building is up to code and safe for students and staff. The pandemic has brought on a number of new responsibilities for Hector, and he has taken on the tasks with an incredible disposition. In addition to sanitizing the entire school on a daily basis, he has also built several safety barriers to protect students, as well as helped rearrange classrooms to ensure social distancing. He is the epitome of a team player; stepping up in many other capacities, especially when fellow staff members are out: he has taken a hand in taking student temperatures when they enter the school, supported restroom breaks, and is present in the halls during student movement. He even transports our group home students to and from campus, so that they are able get to school safely and on time each day. Most days, Mr. Ortega is the first person to arrive and one of the very last to leave. He has built many positive relationships with our students and is beloved by all staff. Together, we wish to express our great fortune in working with Hector Ortega.