



March 2015 -- Samuel Lozoya - Facilities Services

Our March spotlight is on Samuel Lozoya from Facilities Services. Samuel has been working at UTEP for over 18 years in various positions including as a maintenance worker, electrician I, and electrician II. Samuel's duties include providing support to all of UTEP's campus with any electricity related work orders and assisting in various university projects providing his expertise and knowledge when it comes to the electrical power network.

Samuel is familiar with the location of every electrical control panel in each of UTEP's buildings and this definitely comes in handy when responding to power emergencies and work orders. "I enjoy training others and being able to teach them the ropes and tell them exactly where things are to be effective and efficient in our job." His latest accomplishment includes the implementation and success of the power outage that took place over the winter holiday break. During the time when most of UTEP's staff were off, Samuel was putting in overtime hours to ensure that everything was running smoothly and on schedule to improve UTEP's electrical reliability.

Samuel also enjoys how he has been able to support UTEP students through his position. In 2013, he traveled to Irvine, California with students from UTEP's College of Engineering to represent Team Texas in the U.S. Department of Energy's 2013 Solar Decathlon. The team built a net-zero house, which included a completely recyclable corrugated metal roof, solar window shades, sun-tracking skylights, LED lights, an ADA accessible ramp, and bifacial solar panels. He mentored the students and provided support on all of the electrical aspects of building this house.

When asked why he enjoys working at UTEP, he expressed that the people that work at UTEP are what makes the difference because everyone is "appreciative and nice". Samuel is not only a proud UTEP staff member but he is also a proud UTEP parent. "I have one daughter graduating in December and the other one is a freshman and I am proud that I can contribute with my job to their success." His story resembles that of many UTEP staff members who work hard every day and put in the best of themselves to provide a bright future for their loved ones.

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