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Antonio Nava is the program manager for our continuous improvement program in OSI. Antonio's dedication to the University's mission was exemplified as we were tossed into the pandemic. Not only did he immediately pivot and move the entire Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt training from an in-person, 8-hour training to a fully remote virtual training, Antonio was able to leverage the opportunity to revise training content and better meet the learning outcomes of the course. His end of course surveys have shown that he not only made the training accessible during a pandemic, he actually made it a better learning experience for those attending. Through these trainings, Antonio brings his entire self to each and every session, leveraging his theater background as an alumnus at UC San Diego to engage staff and faculty across the University. Antonio knew the University community needed this training on process improvement and cost savings strategies more now than probably at any other time in the University's history. He ensured that class after class received these critical skills all while making it fun, engaging, and delivering significant positive change for the University's Goal 5. Many Yellow Belt attendees are inspired to continue on with their education after taking Antonio's class. These projects bring in significant cost savings for the University and infuse continuous improvement into departments across the University. Additionally, other UCs and higher education institutions have reached out to request his virtual trainings to foster a community of continuous improvement at their institutions. His above and beyond contributions to the program and to his fellow campus community allow for continued education while directly supporting the University's mission. I highly recommend Antonio Nava for 2020-21 Exemplary Staff Employee of the Year Award.