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Eric R. Ortega has 23 years of experience in the pipefitting trade, with major new construction projects for Amgen Pharmaceuticals, Hewlett-Packard, Coors Brewery, The Children's Hospital and Lockheed Martin. Since completing his apprenticeship in 2003, he has helped members of Local 208 to learn new methods and technology. Ortega was elected by the UA Local 208 membership to serve on the Examining Board and the Executive Board and as a National Convention Delegate. He has 16 years of experience as a trainer of apprentices, teaching topics including orbital welding, safety and rigging. Ortega became assistant training coordinator in 2016 and training director in 2019, overseeing up to 56 instructors in quality delivery of training for over 220 apprentice pipefitters and hundreds of journeyworker pipefitters each year. He holds 16 credentials including EPRI Certified Industrial Rigging Instructor, NCCCO Certified Signalperson Instructor, OSHA Authorized Construction Outreach Trainer and OSHA Authorized Disaster Site Worker Trainer. Ortega is a graduate of The UA Instructor Training Program and the UA Training Coordinator Program, and he has completed his associates degree with honors in applied science at Washtenaw Community College.