We are proud to announce Angela Martinez as the 2021 DaVinci Teacher of the year! (See interview pg. 4)
The DaVinci institute is Oklahoma's Creativity Think Tank—promoting a statewide creative renaissance through lectures, professional development, research and advocacy. The first project of the DaVinci Institute became what is now Oklahoma A+ Schools Institute at UCO. Through a long-standing relationship, DaVinci values the work of OKA+ and since 2010 has recognized an outstanding educator in an OKA+ Schools’ Network school. Through principal nomination and application, a teacher who exemplifies the A+ Essentials through their classroom instruction, leadership, and general education philosophy, is chosen to be the DaVinci A+ Teacher of the Year.

The A+ Teacher Award is awarded to an Oklahoma A+ School Teacher whose extraordinary creativity and integration of the arts into the curriculum exemplifies the purpose of the A+ Schools of nurturing creativity in every learner. Administrative support of this whole school transformation is critical to its effectiveness.

Angela Martinez (right), the 2021 DaVinci A+ Teacher of the Year with OKA+ Executive Director Sandra Kent (center) and Naomi Rothrock (left), the 2020 DaVinci A+ Teacher of the Year
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OKA+ Spotlight Series: Meet Angela Martinez, 2021 DaVinci A+ Teacher of the Year

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Angela came to Oklahoma eight years ago when she joined Teach for America and was placed in a pre-k classroom in OKCPS. She has been selected as an OKA+ Fellow in fall 2019.

She quickly fell in love with the profession and decided to pursue a masters degree in education to improve her skills and be the best for her students. She currently teaches Kindergarten at Stanley Hupfeld Academy, an OKA+ demonstration school where she was introduced to the ideals and mission of the organization. Her integration of the essentials has helped her thrive as a teacher even through the toughest times.

We love having Angela as part of our fellows cadre!

Q: Coffee or tea?  
A: Tea lover! I like all kinds and I like to add a bit of honey.

Q: Car or plane?  
A: Car. Although I love traveling I'm afraid of flying.

Q: Song or dance?  
A: Both, but I don't like to dance in public.

Q: Introvert or extrovert?  
A: INFJ - 100% Introvert

Check out our new T.E.A. Time video! (Talking Education and Arts)

Don't MISS

- New School Informational Meetings- 5/4 and 5/5
- NYAC 2021 - 6/8
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  Week of July 26-30  
  Schools: Pathways, Hennessey, Esperanza, Mark Twain, Le Monde International, Van Buren

Contact your principal or advocate for registration information!