



## Kite' Okoh

### Electrical Engineer

#### **Why did you join Air Products?**

During the course of an interview with a recruiter, it became immediately apparent to me that Air Products is a place where engineers can grow in both technical and leadership skills. I accepted a subsequent job offer and am loving my time here.

#### **Why do you love working at Air Products? What is it that keeps you working at Air Products?**

I love working at Air Products principally because of the quality of my fellow colleagues, mentors, and the concrete sense that the company values employee development. My work group leadership, team, and

the opportunities I have been allowed to pursue are some of the key reasons I continue to work at Air Products.

#### **Briefly describe your career at Air Products to date.**

I joined Air Products as a Principal Electrical Engineer in 2014. My group provides electrical engineering support in the operation and maintenance of Air Products' industrial gas facilities in the Americas region. I have worked on projects that involve the specification, purchasing, factory acceptance testing, installation, commissioning, operation, and maintenance of high-voltage electrical systems ranging from very large motors, transformers, switchgears, to high-voltage substations.

#### **What the most intriguing/satisfying thing(s) you've experienced at Air Products?**

The most intriguing/satisfying things I have experienced at Air Products has been the high degree of personal technical growth in the time I have been here. I have had the opportunity to apply graduate-level engineering coursework in real time to ongoing projects and am currently participating in industry workgroups that raise the level of technical rigor in the practice of industrial electrical power engineering within the chemicals, oil, and gas industries. I also cannot overstate the value of the mentoring I have received from my work group peers and leadership. All this continues to make my work life at Air Products a very satisfying one.

#### **What career advice would you give to those just starting out in their engineering careers?**

My advice would be to focus on honing and growing in your engineering craft. This requires actively seeking opportunities to take participatory or leading roles on project work that will expose you to the multi-disciplinary nature of industry projects. I would also advise membership in professional engineering societies related to your chosen discipline, as this will provide opportunities for professional development, networking with industry peers, and incorporating lessons learned and best practices from the operating experience of others within your industry space.