

# David Zuniga

## Electrical Engineer

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

During the interviews, it became evident that Air Products was a place where I could grow both personally and professionally. I was also attracted to the company's culture and the stability it had to offer.

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

I love working at Air Products because of my colleagues, mentors, and the culture. What keeps me working at Air Products are the opportunities for development and the challenges that come with the job. There's never a dull moment!

### **Please describe your career with Air Products to date.**

I began my career at Air Products as an electrical technician. Our group was responsible for commissioning new plants and maintaining operating plans throughout North America and, on occasion, Europe. Following the acquisition of Indura, a South American gases company, I was given the opportunity to join the electrical engineering department. I became the single point of contact for electrical projects, maintenance and reliability. Since coming into this role, I have been working to improve electrical safety awareness, bringing equipment up to Air Products' standards, and developing electrical personnel to become stewards of safety practices and procedures.

### **How does what you do contribute to sustainability?**

My group ensures the reliability of operating plants to minimize maintenance costs and prevent product curtailment to our customers. I champion electrical safety by training and developing operators and maintenance personnel on electrical safety standards and procedures.

### **What is the most intriguing/satisfying thing you've been involved in since you've been at Air Products?**

I was part of the commissioning team for our HYCO 4 plant in Rotterdam, Netherlands. The project faced immense challenges due to delays and the absolute need to have the plant operational by the contracted date—or otherwise forfeit annual incentives and tax breaks in the amount of US\$1M. My contributions were key to the success and the on-time delivery of the project.

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

My advice is to seek opportunities that help develop and hone their craft. Also, take advantage of opportunities with increased responsibility.