

A career within the arboriculture field has many different avenues and opportunities for continued education, self-growth, but also the opportunity to preserve what I'm passionate about, trees and nature. I selected the forestry resource path of my degree for a reason: I love trees. Growing up, I was always in a tree. I was always fascinated with tree growth, their speciation and their textures of leaves and bark, and if I was able to climb it. As an adult, I'm less inclined to randomly climb a tree, but I still love and am fascinated with trees. I still admire their uniqueness, adaptability, and resilience. Whenever I go out on a hike or drive, especially in other areas of the state or country, I'm always looking up at the trees to see what is around, and admire how different they are from one ecological region to another.

In arboriculture, I see myself working either in a forest setting, consulting/advising on construction or development sites, or helping someone preserve old growth trees. Even assisting with starting new growth and helping a client select the right species for their wants, but also what would grow best in their area. Through any of these roles, I could really see myself using my passion for trees and nature to make a difference. These career paths would also allow me to continue educating myself about trees, the other animal and plant species around them, and potential pathogens. While I anticipate learning about all of this during my remaining time at A&M, I know the knowledge would be solidified once working in the field and adding experiences to my toolbox.

Reviewing the TreeNewal website immediately gives me the impression that they are not only working for their clients/customers, but also working for the trees. This speaks greatly to me given my interest and my hopes of being able to make a difference. The opportunities that TreeNewal has to be a broad spectrum employee is fascinating. As I mentioned above, I do have a lot that I wish to learn about with tree preservation and management, and there looks to be a lot of opportunity for continued growth within the company.

The accomplishments David Gaona has made with his company, TreeNewal, are also very impressive when reviewing the company as a potential employee applicant. Their certification as an MBE company is really something to be celebrated and prideful about. The determination and pride David shares in his story is evident through the TreeNewal website, but also through customer testimonies and reviews on different platforms. TreeNewal comes across as a very respectful, talented, diverse team and company.