Screen shows white background with orange and black OSU-OKC and Diversi-FIVE Portraits logos. Two lines of black text below the logos read, “Student Portrait: Cokeitha Butler.” Small video camera view of Emily and Cokeitha in the upper right-hand corner of the screen with each having their own video camera window stacked vertically on top of each other. White background is present throughout the video.

**EMILY:** Hey everyone this is Emily from OSU-OKC's Disability Services and Diversity Office. Welcome to another of our exciting Diversi-FIVE Portraits series where we get to talk with super cool, bright people on our campus to hear their story and learn what inspires them, in five minutes or less! For accessibility we've got a descriptive transcript of this Diversi-FIVE Portraits posted right above the link to this video. Today we are so fortunate to have one of our amazing students with us, Cokeitha Butler! How are you, Coko?

**COKEITHA:** Hi, I'm doing great. How are you Miss Emily?

**EMILY:** I'm good, thank you. And very excited to interview you today.

**COKEITHA:** Me too.

**EMILY:** So start off by telling us about yourself and what inspires you.

**COKEITHA:** I'm a single mother of two. I'm a student at OSU-OKC majoring in Nursing Science. I love spending time with family and friends, reading a good book, long walks in the park, and watching Law and Order, of course. And taking care of people and putting smiles on their faces has been a passion of mine for years. My children and mother is has been my inspiration. Before I had children I had no guidance. I didn't know what direction my life was heading. I lived in that moment. And having children I wanted more out of life. And I gained strength and courage to take control of my life again. My mom has always been my ride or die. The moment she was diagnosed with cancer it kind of--she showed me that life is short and you know, no matter what it throws you don't give up, don't let it define you or stop what you want out of life.

**EMILY:** I can tell that your family and those dear to you have really been an inspiration and that really, really comes across when you talk about them.

**COKEITHA:** Yes ma'am thank you, thank you so much.

**EMILY:** And by the way, Law and Order has been on for like 15 years at this point or something, right? (laughs.)

**COKEITHA:** My favorite show. (laughs)

**EMILY:** So tell us how do you shape the culture of diversity and inclusion at OSU-OKC?

**COKEITHA:** Just by getting to know my fellow peers and from different cultures and expressing my interest in getting to know their ethnic backgrounds with the opportunity to learn more and understand their beliefs, as well as fostering a trusting relationship with them and a chance at a lifetime friendship. Also, being involved in campus events and activities has been great, a great opportunity to meet people as well. And that's how I help shape the culture and inclusions and diversity at OK--OSU-OKC.

**EMILY:** I think that's so cool that you mention that because like, I think as human beings it can be like, natural for us to sort of gravitate and be drawn towards those that we feel like we have a lot in common with. And so when we step out of that comfort zone and talk with new people who have those different perspectives and different backgrounds and different like, lived experiences I think that goes a long way for us to getting to know like, different people.

**COKEITHA:** Yes, I agree. I agree totally.

**EMILY:** So last question. Chocolate or peanut butter?

**COKEITHA:** Chocolate. It's my favorite. (laughs)

**EMILY:** Maybe I should have asked, "Chocolate or caramel?"

**COKEITHA:** Both!

**EMILY AND COKEITHA:** (both laugh)

**COKEITHA:** Caramel overweighs chocolate all the time.

**EMILY:** Yeah. You're making me hungry already.

**EMILY AND COKEITHA:** (both laugh)

**EMILY:** Coko, thank you so much for being a guest on Diversi-FIVE Portraits. You make our campus shine. It is a gift to have you as a student here, and there's so many people on campus that respect you and are cheering for you. And we feel so fortunate to have you as part of the team.

**COKEITHA:** Thanks for having me. It's been a pleasure.

**EMILY:** All right friends, so here's the power question. Would you like to be a guest on Diversi-FIVE Portraits?

Screen changes and multiple lines of text read,“Want to be one of our Diversi-FIVE Portraits? Let’s Connect! Emily Cheng, Director of Disability Services and Diversity, Student Center, Room 136. (405) 945-3385. [emily.cheng@okstate.edu](mailto:emily.cheng@okstate.edu).” The word “Diversi-FIVE” is displayed as the same orange and black Diversi-FIVE Portraits logo.

**EMILY:** We--reach out to me, I would love to hear from you. Until next time, take care of yourselves and those around you.

**EMILY AND COKEITHA:** Bye!

**COKEITHA:** (chuckles)