Screen shows white background with orange and black OSU-OKC and Diversi-FIVE logos. Two lines of black text below the logos read, “Student Portrait: Anthony Bollman.” Small video camera view of Emily and Anthony 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 the OSU-OKC Disability Services and Diversity Office. Welcome to another of our Diversi-FIVE Portraits series where we get to talk with members of our vibrant and diverse campus community 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've got one of our amazing students with us, Anthony Bollman. Anthony thanks for being with us, how are you?

**ANTHONY:** I'm very good Emily, enjoying the day. I really appreciate you inviting me to attend.

**EMILY:** Thank you, the pleasure is ours, truly. So, start off by telling us about yourself.

**ANTHONY:** So I am 21 years old. My major here at OSU-OKC is Enterprise Development. My end-goal dream is to own my own business with a Master's in Business Administration. So my plan is to eventually pursue even higher education at UCO with a Bachelor's in Business and then hopefully attend their MBA program if they'll have me. I currently work two jobs so I try to stay pretty busy. The first being at a nonprofit called the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. They help families across Oklahoma provide food when they're struggling with food insecurity. My family has personally struggled with that so I hold it dear to my heart. I also work part time at Helzberg Diamonds in Penn Square Mall. Funny story, I went in there with a friend one time and like, two days later the manager called me and offered me a job. So I decided to take on that journey and see how it took me, and I've just loved it ever since. And then a fun fact about my family. My parents have actually been together twenty one years and are not married.

**EMILY:** Oh that's awesome; I love that. And by the way I can tell that your mission of helping others with the Regional Food Bank is something that you hold very close to you and that's dear to your heart. That's awesome. So tell us what inspires you.

**ANTHONY:** So I think what inspires me personally is making other people feel included. So when I was in high school I went to the same school that all of my family went to, and so I knew everyone and I knew everyone's family and all the teachers. But I kind of jumped from group to group and I never really felt like I found my true self and my true place. Since going on to college, I've been very lucky at meeting some incredible people on my journey. And it's encouraged me and pushed me to find my true self and my true place. So I've made it a goal for myself to push other or to make other people feel comfortable and to try and make them feel included because everyone is unique and everyone has something different; special that they bring to the world.

**EMILY:** You do a great job with that. Every time I've been in a room with you or at a meeting with you, I know that you always make people around you feel special and important. And that's a great feeling to have. And I think it's wonderful that you do that. So last but not least, tell us how you personally shape the culture of diversity and inclusion at OSU-OKC.

**ANTHONY:** Well, I have been blessed being allowed to be a part of Student Government Association for the past two years. And this year is my third consecutive year. I've served several roles, a few being the Student Activities Coordinator, the Secretary, and now I've been honored enough to be the Student Government President this year. And I am personally a part of the LGBTQ+ community. And so I really try to push our organization and other organizations on campus to hold events for diverse cultures like that because I feel like it tends to be an uncomfortable topic for people. And the more we talk about it, the more people are allowed to find their true selves and the more comfortable they're going to be in their own personal life, at work, and especially on our campus.

**EMILY:** I think sometimes a lot of really beautiful things can come out of those challenging conversations. That's awesome. Anthony, we love having you as a student here and you make our campus so bright and welcoming, thank you. All right friends, here's the power question. Would you like to be featured as 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 logo.

**EMILY:** Reach out to me and I would love to hear from you. Until next time, be well and take care of those around you.