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: Cierra Eastep.” Small video camera view of Emily and Cierra 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 exciting Diversi-FIVE Portraits series where we get to talk with diverse and vibrant members of our 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 brightest, most wonderful students with us, Cierra Eastep. Cierra, thanks for being with us today.

**CIERRA:** Thanks for having me.

**EMILY:** So start off by telling us about yourself.

**CIERRA:** I'm twenty eight years old, nontraditional student, and I have four children. So full-time student and full-time mom.

**EMILY:** Oh my gosh, that sounds--wow. I just have to say that sounds like a lot to handle. And you must be a busy busy person. Very busy.

**CIERRA:** They keep my hands full and my heart full. Excellent, I love that. So tell me what inspires you. Well I'm here at OSU-OKC for my Addiction Counseling Associates degree and I struggled with addiction for about five years. And so I'm hoping to get that degree and use it to help others that are struggling in that way so that they can see somebody that's been through it and it'll help them get through it.

**EMILY:** I think that really means a lot for people that are going through addictions counseling to have a counselor or a therapist that's walked in their shoes and lived some part of a similar experience to them. I think it goes a long way for empathy and understanding. That it's not just as easy as "Well, just stop using it." It's really not like that for a lot of people. It's very very complex. And I think it's such a gift that you're going to be able to use those skills. Awesome. So how do you shape the culture of diversity and inclusion at OSU-OKC?

**CIERRA:** Well, I think being a nontraditional student is one way for one, so you can go to school at any age. And I think also being a single mom especially with four children, a lot of people ask me, "God, how do you do it?" And honestly I just do it and I'm doing really well doing it, so...(chuckles)

**EMILY:** And I think also you've said that your GPA has really really been on the upward trend, yes?

**CIERRA:** Oh yes. I came in to OSU OKC with a .8 GPA. In the past two semesters, I have gotten 4.0's and it's up to a 2.1.

**EMILY:** Cierra, that is fantastic. And I know that those grades just don't magically happen overnight. It takes hard work, "just doing it" like you were saying, and commitment. That is great. So last question. If you had ring music, like your WWE entry music to get people pumped up and ready for Cierra Eastep, what would that ring music be?

**CIERRA:** Would definitely be alternative rock. One of my favorite bands is The Killers and a specific song called "Mr. Bright Side." So if anybody wants to check it out that would be my ring music.

**EMILY:** Awesome. Very cool. All right, Cierra we've loved having you as a guest on Diversi-FIVE Portraits. And what we really love even more than that is having you as a part of our campus. You're a gift to all of us. I can tell that whatever you do you're going to be very successful and a gift to others around you. And we're just so happy to have you here.

**CIERRA:** Glad to be here.

**EMILY:** Thank you. So friends, 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 logo.

**EMILY:** If so, reach out to me and I would love to hear from you. Until next time, take care of yourself and those around you. Bye!