My name is Peter Marshall. I am an assistant professor in the department of internal medicine, section of pulmonary and critical care.

There is a large history of asthma in my family. As a matter of fact, a couple of my relatives eventually died with sudden asthma and that made me interested in pulmonary medicine in the first place and, in doing pulmonary medicine, I became interested in critical care.

I think what I enjoy most is the spirit of collegiality that if I have an idea and I have to go outside of my section or outside of even the department, that there are people willing to work with me.

You get to know the people you work with very closely and oftentimes those people are not within your section. For instance, in the medical ICU I work with nephrologists, gastroenterologists, hepatologists, surgeons, etcetera.

Not only is the care collegial at the bedside, when it surrounds a particular patient, but if I have a project or a clinical program that I want to initiate, simply approaching a colleague who I know shares similar interests and speaking about it has already blossomed several clinical programs and projects and that's a really great feeling where if you are inspired or find that you have an idea and you want to push it forward that there are people willing to jump in with you and help you.

It's the law of nature that diverse institutions, diverse biological systems, diverse societies do better and achieve more and I am vested in achieving a lot for the department of medicine and I think that a diverse department of medicine is a stronger department of medicine and more likely to achieve great things.