

My name is Nkiruka Emeagwali. I'm currently a second-year pulmonary and critical care fellow in the department of internal medicine, division of pulmonary critical care and sleep medicine.

The division here is a melting pot and that was very attractive to me. My lab is literally an intranational lab and it's been a wonderful, not only in terms of what we can learn from each other in the sciences but also culturally.

I've had the chance to taste snacks from all over the world. It's actually celebrated and appreciated and I think that was really, for me, a strong selling point.

As a young trainee, you're sort of moldable in developing and so you want to be able to become the best that you can be and I think that here is a place where that actually is celebrated.

Diversity means to me many things. There's diversity in thought, so the same question answered by an immunologist will be posed in one way. That same question answered by a virologist will be posed in a different way.

There's ethnic diversity, just given where you came from and how you were raised, what your culture is. Many people, growing up in New York, especially being a New Yorker, thought I was a New Yorker, which I was, but I went home and heard, I heard my parents speaking a different language. They were from Nigeria. So, my experience was really a Nigerian-American's experience.

You know, diversity is just so broad and I think it's something that I found in my life, just getting to know many other different people really enhances my perspective and who I am and the process for me.

Something I think is celebrated here at Yale, which is amazing, and it's so important because I don't think it's... it's not really a one-sided thing. I think at the end of the day, everyone benefits from this.