

During my time in this class is to learn how to communicate with people suffering from cancer and how to be of help to cancer patients. Losing my dad to gastric cancer was one of the most difficult moments of my life, and I remember vividly how my life and that of my family changed from the moment he was diagnosed. Bearing this in mind, this class has given me insight into cancer as a disease, treatment options, and research being conducted to combat or manage this disease. Most importantly, I have had the opportunity to connect with members of the community who are willing and open to sharing their experiences with cancer especially the interview that I was able to conduct with a community member. I believe my conversations with the community members have improved my interactions with sick people in general and helped me to better understand what can be done to help as a researcher, a member of the community, and as an aspiring physician.

I learned how people deal with cancer, how it affects families, how individuals with cancer deal with the news of having cancer, and how they cope with having cancer. This class has been nothing but enlightening mostly due to the many educated speakers who spoke on the topic. I loved the session on reconstructive surgery. I thought it was really enlightening and interesting. I loved how realistic and informative the presentation by Dr. Specter was.

I really appreciated how open and graceful the community members were to the interview session. It was very informative, and it allowed me to connect with the community members I interviewed. It was also enlightening in the sense that I learned what people experience as they battle cancer, what their families undergo, how their lives change, and what they have to endure in terms of their communication with their families and friends. This class really improved my communication skills and taught me how to be sympathetic to the situation of the community members.

This class felt like a safe place. The environment promotes open conversations and discussions between students and members of the community. This class has really given me a more insightful understanding of what people with cancer experience which is very important for me to understand as a student researcher interested in cancer research. This will allow my research to cater to the needs of the people who actually have cancer. I have learned to listen better and absorb information.