



2024

INDIGENOUS ROLE MODEL

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I connect with my culture through paddling, and it most recently has led me to Muckleshoot, where we paddled from Chilliwack to Seattle. Throughout the journey, protocols were shared, and I found my love for dancing. I have placed in many Halq'eméylem contests, represented the Pilot canoe family, represented Team Canada in World-Sprints for paddling, and will be involved in a fully Indigenous team in The World-Sprints 2024. Giving back is important to me; I have peer tutored within Yale, volunteered at Semá:th First Nation and Yale for Truth and Reconciliation Day, and participated in the Big Cousin program at Fraser Middle School. Outside of school, I assist my coach and help teach war canoe paddling to younger ones. Two of my greatest accomplishments are graduating with straight A's in Halq'eméylem and graduating from the Abbotsford Jr. Police Academy. Last year, I was selected to represent the Abbotsford School District at the Inspire Conference. I plan to go to UBC and study Indigenous-based courses, and I am interested in a Social Work path.

Words of Wisdom: Even if you are unsure of your path, share your story so the world can hear your voice.



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