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INDIGENOUS ROLE MODEL

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I have a strong connection to my band, Huu-ay-aht with their traditions, stories, and community values. They have shaped my sense of identity, guided my understanding of cultural responsibility, and taught me in the history of my ancestors.

Some of my leadership activities include bagging groceries for the local Abbotsford community. I worked with my peers to make sure that the community in need received the food we prepared for them. I also volunteered to help clean up and set up the Truth and Reconciliation ceremony on September 30th.

I am an honour roll student and always find ways to improve my work, which has helped me build my confidence, strengthen my skills, and stay motivated to reach my academic goals while becoming a better and more responsible student.

After high school, I plan to build my future by attending the UFV plumbing program, where I hope to develop strong hands-on skills, gain professional training, and work toward becoming a certified plumber.



Inspire others to honour our teachings, engage in community, and continue learning about the land, language, and cultural practices that shape who we are. Share this heritage proudly with the generations who come after us.