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INDIGENOUS ROLE MODEL

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Being a part of Thrive has taught me a lot about my culture and allowed me to explore Indigenous artistry. Thrive has also given me many leadership opportunities, including attending elders' luncheons and raising awareness of issues in our school. Outside of school, I have attended a sunrise ceremony, orange shirt day marches, and many family gatherings at Mamele'awt. In the last few years, I participated in many things, such as Student Voice, Hawks Cousins, and Homework Club. My proudest achievement is volunteering at Howe Middle School to help Indigenous students with homework if they need that extra help; I wish I had people like that when I was in middle school. My main successes are my grades in mathematics, which average from a high B to an A, and my strong understanding of the sciences (chemistry and biology). I am involved in extracurricular activities and put myself out there for my last year of high school. My plans for post-secondary include going to UBC for economics with a minor in Indigenous studies.

Words of Wisdom: Find a career path that truly makes you happy and allows you to express yourself.



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