

2024 INDIGENOUS ROLE MODEL

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After Covid, I leaned more into my culture; I was happy to get out of the house to go canoe racing with my Uncle Derek Silver. The canoe races were initially used to solve disputes and end hardships. Over winter, I participated in cultural activities to connect with my dad and our culture. The carpentry program I am working in has helped me with my confidence and has given me leadership skills. The Summer Program I completed helped me make significant steps and decisions about my future. I have reconnected with my culture and relearned how to drum with my friends and family. In class, I've also learned many cool things about my culture's history. I learned my language, Halq'eméylem, and have been teaching it to my family at home. Throughout my school years, I have made many good connections with people at school and found my group of good friends. I want to go into the Carpentry Trade, continue that path, and eventually make it to my Red Seal Certification. I want to bring my culture with me everywhere.

Words of Wisdom: Learn your cultural identity and follow your cultural practices.



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