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INDIGENOUS ROLE MODEL

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Being more in tune with my roots and having a deeper connection with my ancestors and their sacrifices has made me proud to stand here as a Cree woman. This past summer, I was a part of the 2023 North American Indigenous Games, where the collective potential of our bodies, minds, spirit and our people was displayed. I conducted a vital learning experience for the staff this past Truth and Reconciliation Day. In addition, I spent time with Sts'elemeqw Residential School Thrivers and assisted them. I am part of the Indigenous Leaders and Allies of Yale, where I assist with Elder's needs and mentor students. I have been awarded Athlete of the Month and am regularly recognized for volunteering with Yale sports. Furthermore, I have steadily maintained A's and for the past 3 years represented Yale Softball Academy. My most significant success was co-starting Yale Black Connections. Teaching children softball under AMFA and LFA, being on Nanoose Bay Camps activity staff, and being a Canskate volunteer drives me down a teaching path. I plan to learn at UBC, specifically NITEP (Indigenous Teacher Education Program) after high school.

Words of Wisdom: Learning is the key to life and it's the best way to create change.



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