



2022 INDIGENOUS ROLE MODEL

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I am Métis—well half-Métis. Growing up, I hadn't been as connected with my culture as much I would have liked. While I was able to connect with my Indigenous peers and go on many field trips, it still felt like something was missing. Then as my senior year approached way too quickly, I knew something had to change. I felt like I wasn't engaged or really in touch with my culture. So, I decided to join three of my school's leadership teams. One of them being Thrive. Being a leader in Thrive has been the connection I'd been missing. It has given me incredible opportunities as well as a real sense of belonging. By contributing to various events, I've not only grown as an individual, but I've also been able to learn and appreciate more of my roots. Moving forward, I have no doubt that I'll bring these experiences with me wherever I go, including UBC. In university I want to pursue my passion of mathematics and learning, where I aim to eventually major in computer science. One day, with the leadership experience I've gained, I want to become a CISO. Having said that, the message I would like to share is to get involved and embrace your culture. After all, it's up to us to keep the tradition alive.



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