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## INDIGENOUS ROLE MODEL

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Until recently, I was unaware of my Indigenous heritage. Since learning of my Métis ancestry, I've begun a learning journey. The Indigenous Education program at my school has been a great source of support and knowledge for me. Taking on leadership roles and actively participating in my school's community gives me a voice. I often use school projects as a platform to speak on injustices against the Indigenous Community. Last year, I represented an Indigenous perspective on the YDI Youth Advisory Council, which focuses on student's mental and physical well-being. It's important to me to be an active member of my school community; therefore, I partake in performances, attend events, and frequently volunteer my time to help middle and high school teachers. I have maintained good grades and have received many awards, including Top Grade 10 and 11 student. My goal is to attend post-secondary, where I can study music and major in voice. After completing a music degree, I would like to continue my education to become an elementary teacher or secondary music teacher. Let your passions guide you through life, like how music inspires me!



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