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INDIGENOUS ROLE MODEL

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Ties to my Sts'ailes First Nation community and culture are important to me. My cultural growth has been aided by my family, they include me in traditional ceremonies and learning traditional songs and teachings. Currently, I am learning to speak Halq'emeylem, training with a canoe family to learn canoe pulling, and learning how to do traditional beading. As a part of the Indigenous Leaders of Yale Secondary, I was given an opportunity to present to the BC Trustees Association in Vancouver. During my four years at Yale, I have received academic performance awards such as the Principal's Honour Roll (Over 90% Each year) and the Indigenous Academic of Excellence Award. My Post Secondary plans are to attend the University of Mary in North Dakota on both my academic and athletic scholarship for the women's soccer team. I will be studying to receive a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. I then plan to study Indigenous Law and to become a lawyer for Sts'ailes First Nation.

Culture, history, tradition, and family are the key to success in leadership. Know who you are and where you come from.



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