

## Kaden Craig

### FIRST NATIONS ROLE MODEL 2021



Kaden is a proud member of the Saulteau First Nation (Moberley Lake Band). She is a grade 9 Honor Roll and Work Ethic award student at Lake City Secondary School (Columneetza Campus).

Christine Schiller, English Teacher shares that “Kaden has exceeded course expectations. She is a friendly and polite student who always participates in class discussions. Her writing is exemplary and she goes above and beyond with her work. Her answers are always thoughtful, pertinent, and interesting. Her creative writing is excellent and full of interesting and imaginative details. She has a real flair for creating mood and tone with a story with the detailed descriptions of setting and characters”.

Morley Wilson, Physical Education Teacher shares that “Kaden always does her best in class, working with and supporting others. Her academic work always showed a good deal of thought and care.

In addition, I have seen her work on our school’s ‘Locker Project’, sprucing up our school through the painting of lockers into works of literature. Kaden is a positive, strong-willed, confident individual, who takes her responsibilities seriously. I believe she is a deserving recipient of the Role Model title”.

Kaden is proud of her First Nations Ancestry and always tries to do her best in everything she does. She has dedicated herself to learning her culture and traditions, the language and stories. Since the beginning of middle school she has been learning the Secwepemc language through her elders and peers around her. Kaden shares that “it’s been an adventure of three years learning about both my cultures from home and here. I have learned to gut, de-bone and clean fish, I was shown how to skin a deer properly and how women used to bead head-dresses. I watched as my aunt made me my first ribbon skirt. I listened to her explain the story behind it and how the history is held between the seams of such a skirt that represents empowerment and resilience. I have learned how to make a birch basket that was traditionally used to pick berries, and how to make medicine from the sap. I have listened to the stories told by my Elders and admired how every single one had a strong or knowledgeable meaning behind it. It has been a beautiful experience and I am glad to have had the opportunity”.

Clairlouse Harford from Chetwynd, BC shares that “Kaden is growing into a hardworking, confident, respectful member of our community. Committed to her high moral values, her goals, and her continued motivation to uncover new potential, consistently exploring with creativity and optimism. Her steady persistence in the face of all obstacles and difficulties is inspiring”.

Kaden lives a healthy and active lifestyle free of drugs and alcohol. She believes that respect is a basic but important part of everything. Kaden says that “a good role model should be understanding and accepting. They should listen to others opinions and try to understand or acknowledge them”.

Kaden plans to put her Role Model Bursary towards a drawing tablet to gain experience and practice so she can major in digital design at Alberta’s University of the Arts to pursue her life goal of a career in Art.



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