

Brandon Stump **FIRST NATIONS** **ROLE MODEL 2015**



Brandon Stump is a proud member of the Anaham Band (Tl'etinqox Government Office). He is a Grade 11 student at Lake City Secondary School (Williams Lake Campus). His top academic subjects are English, Science and Social Studies.

Social Studies Teacher Andy Riegl shares that Brandon is a dedicated and thoughtful student who has a good understanding of Canadian history and his First Nations culture. Brandon's dedication, fantastic work ethic and positive outlook are qualities that will make him an excellent First Nations Role Model.

Teacher/Counselor Ms. Jack shares that she has known Brandon since grade 8. She is proud of how hard he works and the effort he puts into his school work, particularly since the start of grade 10 when he really put his life on a positive path. On a personal level she is happy to see that Brandon sets goals for himself and is working hard towards them. He is pleasant, well mannered and respectful to everyone around him. Brandon participates in cultural activities such as Lehal at school. He would make an excellent candidate for First Nations Role Model. He is well on his way in becoming a fine young man.

Brandon states that his First Nations culture is very important to him. He is thankful for learning the traditions from his Grandparents. He enjoys hunting with his Grandpa and hearing stories

about his family and his culture. Brandon's Grandma taught him how to gut fish, deer and moose and he shares that in his eyes she is a 'real professional'. Through this, he has learned that his First Nations culture teaches him to do his best at everything he does. Brandon gives thanks to his mother for all she does for him. He recognizes how hard she works to support him in all that he does.

In his spare time, Brandon enjoys reading and playing sports. He plays many sports such as soccer, hockey and snowboarding. Brandon lives a healthy and active lifestyle free from drugs and alcohol. He has respect for himself and others. He has a positive outlook. He makes positive choices in his life. Brandon's family is very important to him. He enjoys helping out with his little cousins. He treats them with respect and kindness.

Brandon would like to thank his family for their support in choosing to run for First Nations Role Model 2015.



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Joanna-Rae Alphonse

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Joanna-Rae Alphonse is a proud member of the Yunesit'in Government (Stone Band). She is a grade 8 student at Lake City Secondary School (Columneetza Campus). Two subjects that reflect her academic achievement are Science 8 and Math 8 both with "A" standing.

Mrs. Daffurn, Science and Math teacher shares that "Joanna-Rae is an amazing young lady that shows a lot of maturity beyond her age group. She prides herself in maintaining top grades in both science and math. She is a quiet, friendly girl who is determined to make her life a success. I am honored to recommend her for First Nations Role Model".

Teacher Rick Heal shares that he would not hesitate to recommend Joanna-Rae in her pursuit as First Nations Role Model. "Throughout Grade 8 she has exemplified high standards, positive attitude, and genuine caring for her fellow students. She takes pride in and ownership of her learning. Joanna-Rae is actively engaged in promoting our school and community, both locally and beyond. She has the ability and aptitude to be a strong Role Model; to meet any challenge and succeed".

Joanna-Rae is very proud of her First Nations culture and her family ancestry which includes being Chilcotin and half Carrier. She shares that her family comes from a long line of hunters and gatherers that lived off the land. She is named after her late Grandparents and she carries on their name in pride and honor. Her family has taught her how to cut fish and meat so that none goes to waste. Joanna-Rae gives thanks to her Mom who is a strong, independent woman who taught her how to pick berries and medicines. "Everything we get from the land, we use. I have also learned to play lehal. From my ancestors down to me, this First Nations cultural awareness has been in our family for many generations".

Joanna-Rae lives a healthy and active lifestyle free from drugs and alcohol. She enjoys playing goalie for the Bantam Rep Girls' hockey team. This took a lot of dedication and included three hours of on ice training, games that were two hours long and dry land training for an hour each week. All this effort paid off as the team made it to the Provincials in Castlegar, B.C.

In her spare time Joanna-Rae enjoys volunteering at the Salvation Army helping others. She takes a lot of pride in preparing hampers or doing dishes or serving food to those who need it.

Joanna-Rae believes that the qualities of a Role Model are trust, respect and honesty.



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