

# Denza Phung

## FIRST NATIONS ROLE MODEL 2018



Denza is a proud member of the Métis Nation. She is a grade 8 Honor Roll and Work Ethics student at Lake City Secondary School (Columneetza Campus). Two subjects that reflect her academic achievement are Tour Band and Social Studies 8 both at 100%.

Denza's rich Métis culture is important to her. It teaches her to always do her best. She participates with The Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association by helping with the annual Christmas Métis Potluck and also the Louis Riel Day Potluck. For the last 6 years she has helped with the annual Métis Jamboree that is hosted locally. Denza plays her violin and ukulele and even played O'Canada at the 2017 opening ceremonies for the Métis Jamboree. She also helps to prepare and serve food to the Elders, helps with recycling, cleaning and babysitting. Denza believes that it is important to set an example for the younger children, to help them get involved with their culture. If they don't, she says they can lose touch with their culture and their family.

Denza believes that a Role Model is someone who others would want to be. A Role Model is inspiring in their everyday life and they always do their best in all they do. Denza believes that it takes a lot to be a Role Model. Having people rely on you to make the right choices and succeed is a great task. As a First Nations Role Model, Denza would encourage others to aspire to do their best and make positive choices. Denza says "Make positive choices today so you don't have regrets tomorrow".

Teacher Michael Wilson shares that Denza has been an integral part of the "Be the Change Club" at Lake City Secondary's Columneetza Campus. He says that "Denza is a remarkable student and an even better human being. She is a true Role Model for the students of our school. Denza volunteers for every challenge that we take on and she never misses a meeting. In October 2017 Denza was asked to speak at 'WE Day Vancouver'. WE Day is a day of celebration to recognize the amazing students in our province and all of their accomplishments in making this world a better place. Denza made us all very proud when she got up on that stage at Roger's Arena and delivered a great speech in front of 20,000 other world changers. In a stadium filled with amazing students, Denza was so humble to take that stage and recognize the honour of the moment she had truly earned".

Denza's Elementary School Principal, Calvin Dubray shares that "Denza is definitely a leader amongst her peers and leads by example. She is an advocate not only for herself when it comes to student rights and her learning but also the rights of others. Her gift is compassion and her genuine positive attitude towards everything she engages in. She is a pleasant young lady who also has immersed herself in her Metis culture. She has shared that with students in our school and has also endeavored to learn the culture of others. Denza is a creative young lady. She has created her own small business from her craft making skills. I believe that Denza's passion and strength in building a better future while demonstrating a personable demeanor and leading by example has garnered her the respect from her peers and adults alike. Her engagement and involvement in numerous activities and organizations exemplifies what it is to 'get the most out of life' and follow the continuum of learning. Based on these qualities, I am happy to give Denza my wholehearted endorsement as First Nations Role Model".

In the future Denza plans to attend University and pursue her music, a PHD or degree in the Arts.



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# Terrance Hubick-Archie

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Terrance is a proud member of the Canim Lake Band (Tsq'escen'). He is a Grade 11 student at Peter Skene Ogden Secondary School in 100 Mile House. His top academic subjects are English and First Nations Art.

First Nations Language and Cultural Teacher, Angela Peters shares that "Terrance has been a positive Role Model in cultural and traditional areas for teenage students. Terrance is a hunter and provides meat to his immediate and extended family. He is also a fisherman that provides fish to community and family. Terrance is always seen helping the Elders in our community. He has shown his leadership abilities through attending community events, from annual general meetings to teen meetings. He speaks freely and is always willing to ask questions. Terrance has been a Role Model for all teenage boys and the younger children who see him dance at the Pow Wow and also see him help in the community. Terrance is an avid hockey player. He has shown that no matter what your size or your ability you are still capable of anything. Terrance is a team player and provides support to all of his teammates, whether it be hockey, kayaking or canoeing. Because Terrance has the characteristics of a Role Model and a leader; I would like to recommend him for First Nations Role Model 2018".

Terrance's First Nations Culture and his family mean a lot to him. He says that his First Nations Culture teaches him to do his best at everything he does. He enjoys spending as much time as he can with his Elders; to listen to what they have to say through stories or just talking. "I like to serve my Elders and make sure that they are safe". Terrance serves his community by helping to set up and cleanup for community functions.

In 2017 Terrance was honored to receive the Premier's Award in Excellence in Sports. Terrance shares that he received this award by working hard to get on a higher level in all his sports. Also in 2017 Terrance attended the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) in Toronto, Ontario for canoeing. Terrance said that it was especially hard to get through as his thoughts were of home and the wildfires, but he just worked hard. Currently Terrance is playing hockey in 100 Mile House on the Midget House team. Other sports he enjoys are fastball, canoeing and kayaking.

Terrance likes to volunteer at the Skowkale Fish Hatchery in Chilliwack where they release the salmon on Earth Day with the community, students and Elders. He is looking forward to this year's event as it will be the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the hatchery.

Terrance believes that being a Role Model is being someone others can look up to. Terrance sets a positive example by being free of drugs and alcohol.

In the future Terrance wants to go to the RCMP depot in Regina for training. He wants to become an Aboriginal police officer. He believes he has the skills to be an officer: leadership, integrity, honesty, compassion, respect and accountability.

Terrance gives thanks to his family, his First Nations Community and to his teachers who supported him in running for First Nations Role Model 2018.



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