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Indigenous Role Model

Angus Paul | Lake City Secondary

Angus is a proud member of Tl'etinqox Government (Anaham Band) and shares that he still has so much to learn about his First Nation culture. He wants to tan hides and make drums out of the hides that come from the deer or moose that he harvests to feed himself, his family and the Elders, like his grandmother. Angus gives thanks to his family for raising him with the qualities that make him a great person and role model.

Living on his family's ranch and working hard has helped him gain strength and stamina that helps him when it comes to fishing like his ancestors did. He enjoys learning the techniques and the culture as it helps him feel connected to the ancestors.

Two classes that reflect his academic achievement are Career Life Education and Hockey. When Angus isn't in school, he participates in the BC 4-H Club at Big Lake.

"Angus is a huge asset to our club. Each year he raises a swine as his project and always goes beyond all the project expectations. He has a fun personality that our members and leaders enjoy." - Lisa Presley, 4-H Club Leader

Angus believes that 'Trust' is a very good quality. "By being honest with yourself and others you are creating trust. If you are not honest and lie; then you tend to lose trust within your social network."

Angus thanks the Indigenous Education Council for considering him as Indigenous Role Model and plans to put the Bursary toward a Heavy-Duty Mechanics program at Thompson Rivers University.



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Paige Romaniuk | Lake City Secondary

Paige is a proud member of the Cariboo-Chilcotin Métis Association and shares that the Métis family was built of strong capable intelligent people who persevered and endured through all kinds of hardship. They were trappers, fishermen, raised cattle and worked horses. She believes that culture is something in you, woven into you and handed down. No matter where you live, you always have your culture. She is thankful for all she has learned about her Métis culture.

Paige is a grade 10 Honor Roll and Work Ethic award student. In 2021, she was elected as the club's vice president for the 4H year.

“Paige always demonstrated confidence in her own abilities and enthusiasm to tackle new endeavors. I witnessed her empathy towards others and her willingness to work/play with a diverse group of students. I believe that Paige has what it takes to be a great Role Model.” - Rick Miller, Family Friend and Principal

Paige believes that a role model is “a person whose behavior, example, or success is or can be emulated by others, especially by younger people”. A true role model means to be someone that is honest and trustworthy.

Paige gives thanks to her parents for raising her to be a dependable, reliable, and trustworthy person. They raised me to believe that education is the key to opening doors and living a healthy lifestyle.