

Paige Romaniuk

INDIGENOUS ROLE MODEL 2022



Paige is a proud member of the Cariboo-Chilcotin Métis Association. She is a grade 10 Honor Roll and Work Ethic award student at Lake City Secondary School (WL Campus).

Paige is a proud member of the Chimney Valley 4H Club. Leader Amy Carson shares that “Paige has been a member for 8 years. In 2021 Paige was elected the club’s vice-president for the 4H year. She has seen first-hand how Paige has taken new members under her wing and watched as they grew as 4-H members. She is a caring, industrious, and hardworking young lady. She displays strong leadership skills that will benefit her greatly in her future endeavors. Paige has taken on multiple projects in a single year which takes dedication and a good strong work ethic. I believe that Paige will be very successful as an Indigenous Role Model”.

Family friend and retired Principal, Rick Miller shares that he has known Paige all her life. As a young girl Paige always demonstrated how confident she was in her own abilities and how enthusiastic she was to tackle new endeavors. It was clear that from an early age Paige would continue to exhibit these qualities and she continues to have them to this day; hardworking,

dedicated, sense of perseverance, eager to learn, and willingness to try. I witnessed her empathy towards others and her willingness to work/play with a diverse group of students. These qualities gave her the confidence to take on new opportunities, whether it be in her academics, the arts, or athletics. As her Teacher and Principal, I witnessed first-hand these same qualities in Paige. I believe that Paige has what it takes to be a great Role Model for School District 27”.

Paige is very proud of her rich Métis ancestry. She shares that “our Métis family was built of strong capable intelligent men and woman who persevered and endured through all kinds of hardship. They were trappers, fishermen, raised cattle and worked horses. I believe that culture is something in you, woven into you and handed down. No matter where you live, you always have your culture. My culture always teaches me to do my best”. Paige is thankful for all she has learned about her Métis culture.

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. Trust is probably one of the most valued traits in a person and impossible to have a relationship of any kind with anyone who is not trusting. 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.

Paige says that “self respect is a big part of who I am. I also believe that when it comes to self respect you must work hard at it. Choosing to live a clean life and not cloud yourself with drugs and alcohol is a form of self respect that I am proud of”.

Paige would like to thank the Indigenous Education Council for considering her as Role Model 2022.



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