

# Angus Paul

## INDIGENOUS ROLE MODEL 2022



Angus is a proud member of Tl'etinqox Government (Anaham Band). Angus is in Grade 10 at Lake City Secondary School (WL Campus). Two classes that reflect his academic achievement are Career Life Education 10 and Hockey 10.

Teacher Terry Duff shares that “Angus has participated in the Hockey program for the past 3 years. Angus has a great sense of humour and a positive attitude and is always leading by example. I recommend Angus for Indigenous Role Model; he is an excellent community asset”.

Angus is a proud member of the BC 4-H Club at Big Lake. Leader Lisa Presley shares that “Angus is a huge asset to our club. Each year he raises a swine as his project. Angus has always gone beyond all the project expectations. He listens well and contributes valuable and accurate information when needed. He has a fun personality that all of the members and leaders enjoy and feel very comfortable to talk to him”.

Angus gives thanks to his family for raising him with the qualities that make him a great person and role model. Qualities like honesty, trust and respect for self and others are what guide him. Angus always does the best he can in all he does. He wants to be someone his parents are proud of. He lives a very healthy and active lifestyle free of drugs and alcohol and smoking/vaping. 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.

Angus shares that he still has so much to learn about his First Nation culture. He looks forward to learning more about his Band and their traditional ways. He hopes to learn how to tan hides and make drums out of the hides that come from the deer and moose that he harvests to help feed himself and his family and any Elders, like his grandmother.

Angus believes that ‘Trust’ is a very good quality to have. “It means that no matter what someone is going through, they can be confident in sharing any secrets they may have, knowing you won't tell anyone. Angus says he is a trustworthy individual because he is kind and respectful. He is a reliable friend. Angus learned trust from his family as they are very close and share everything with each other. His family taught him to always be honest. 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. By always being your genuine self, you will gain individuals trust over time”.

Angus says that “‘Respect’ is another important quality you must have. To retain respect from others you must show them respect in return”. Angus likes to show respect by “being a good listener and showing they have your whole attention and help them when needed”. He always listens to his teachers, coaches, and parents because it shows a sign of respect and engagement.

Angus believes that he has good leadership skills and is responsible. He knows that others in hockey and 4H look up to him and for that reason he tries to be a positive role model to them.

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



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