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INDIGENOUS ROLE MODEL

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Growing up in Haida Gwaii culture is something to be proud of; I learned the ways of our people and how to live off the land. I attended an Indigenous-based school called Chief Matthews and was taught traditional drumming, singing, and dancing. I've spent time with our local carvers, learning the ways of carving, painting, and traditional harvest methods of cedar. Spending time with my T'siini (grandfather) allowed me to provide for my community by handing out deer and fish with him. I've worked for Mount Moresby Rediscovery as a junior guide, teaching groups the traditional ways of living off the land. Volunteering for our Youth Centre for community-led games and weaving helped me develop leadership skills. I completed my academics in grade 11 and spent time via Zoom (100 hours) learning, speaking, and writing my traditional language. I've received 3 Most Valuable Player awards from sports. After high school, I aim to pursue a career in business or computer engineering; I'm hoping to attend UVIC. I have a business mindset and would like to share my entrepreneurial knowledge with youth programs in Haida Gwaii.

Words of Wisdom: Believe in yourself because you have the power of your ancestors inside you.



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