



2024

## INDIGENOUS ROLE MODEL

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Oleyliye tel skwix Teli tsel kw'e Mathxwí. My name is Orenda Hackaray; I am from Mathxwí First Nation and attend Robert Bateman Secondary. I've had the opportunity to learn Halq'eméylem. I have volunteered at Clayburn Middle to help teach beading, and in my community, I have helped at family gatherings and events. In most of my artwork, I try to connect to my Indigenous identity and share the best of my work through Indigenous ways of knowing and being. I won the Abbotsford School District Orange T-shirt design contest with my original coastal design. One of my proudest achievements is being able to work on a legacy project to honour and commemorate the loss of Indigenous children in the residential school system with Cyril Pierre and Ray Silver. I plan to attend a post-secondary program at either SFU, UBC or UFV that will lead me to a career as an Indigenous Teacher.

Words of Wisdom: To move forward, we must live and breathe our culture; this means re-learning the culture and practices that were taken from us.



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