

Where are they NOW?

Introducing Stanley Daniels, First Nations Role Model 2004



2007- 2015 I worked for the Canim Lake Band in various capacities. Including a Youth Worker, Job Coach, and Community Outreach Worker. There are so many success stories to share within these years and throughout my time with the Canim Lake Band. Most important is my connection with my people and my land and being able to serve them. Other highlights include being able to serve on the Mental Health Advisory Committee and working with Dr. Gabor Mate to help bring reform to the National Native Drugs and Alcohol Program across BC.

2012 - December 23, 2012, my niece Avery Shelly Archie was born. This changed my life forever in a positive way. I set out to make the world a better place for my niece and haven't stopped working on this goal since.

February 7, 2016- My dad after 35 years of alcoholism sobered up and never returned to drinking. My life with my dad has been a huge milestone for me and my family. I am so grateful for all the time I had with him before he passed away from Cancer August 2019. We shared so many happy memories, and I got to hear his life story and learn about his history. All my life, I wanted my dad to be in my life, and I accomplished it.

2017- September 2017 I returned to school to study Chemical Addictions Counselling.

2017-2018 on the Dean's List of Academic Excellence for GPA of 3.67 or more. Elected by peers to be Valedictorian for graduation years one and two.

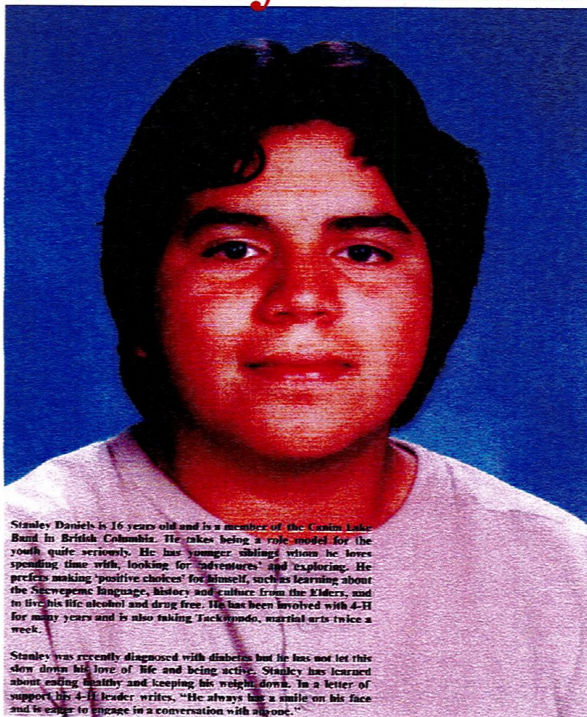
2018-2019- I completed my diploma and advanced diploma for Chemical Addictions Counselling. In addition, I was also a valedictorian for this graduation year. I received a Human Services Department Academic Achievement Award for highest GPA in the Human Services Department for the whole of Nicola Valley Institute of Technology.

June 2018 I was elected as one of the youngest ever Duly Elected Councillors for the Canim Lake Band. Still currently the youngest sitting councillor.

June 2018, I was given a Gender Health and Wellness Travel Bursary to travel to Montreal to help, consult, advise and collaborate on gender health and wellness programming and services across Canada.

Currently, I am an elected councillor for my community. I balance my time between being a loving uncle, devoted friend, caring brother, and passionate student. I am currently enrolled in my third year of Bachelor of Social Worker. I plan to finish of my fourth year of Chemical Addictions of Counselling and will graduate with a Bachelor of Integrated Studies with the University of the Fraser Valley in 2021. I hope to return to complete my Bachelor of Social Work with Thompson Rivers University and NVIT in 2022. I will also complete my first term of council by 2022. During my term as a councillor, I have met with various levels of government to help bring CLB issues to resolution. I have met with many federal ministers, provincial ministers and premiers and other various First Nations Governments. Some highlights of my term include signing Memorandums of Understanding with sister community of Simpcw. I look forward to building more relationships with all of Secwepemculucw and other Indigenous communities. We also signed onto our agreement in principle with Canada and BC for out stage 5 Treaty negotiations. I work as much as I can in my spare time. I take on various contracts to help build my professional portfolio and assist communities in their growth and development. Education has been a major priority for me these past few years. I want to be able to use my education as a tool to make the world a better place for me and my family and for my community at large. I am grateful for the School District and their wisdom in creating a program such as the School District First Nations Role Models. To be named a First Nations Role Model and given a purpose has been proven to be a practice amongst our ancestors from time immemorial. We were not just successful by accident, we were groomed and prepared for a life of service and dedication to our interconnected success, health and wellbeing. Since being named a First Nations Role Model in 2004, I have been working to live up to that name and carry myself in a way that lends to our Secwepemc tradition. Thank you to the leadership team at School District 27 at the time.

Stanley Daniels



Stanley Daniels is 16 years old and is a member of the Cooten Lake Band in British Columbia. He takes being a role model for the youth quite seriously. He has younger siblings whom he loves spending time with, looking for adventures, and exploring. He prefers making 'positive choices' for himself, such as learning about the Secwepemc language, history and culture from the Elders, and to live his life alcohol and drug free. He has been involved with 4-H for many years and is also taking Taekwondo, martial arts twice a week.

Stanley was recently diagnosed with diabetes but he has not let this slow down his love of life and being active. Stanley has learned about eating healthy and keeping his weight down. In a letter of support, the 4-H leader writes, "He always has a smile on his face and is eager to engage in a conversation with anyone."

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Once our Role Model...always our Role Model.

Watch for future updates on the Role Models and where they are now!