

# FRENCH IMMERSION ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



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Graduated with bilingual diploma in 2018

traveling abroad I couldn't be more grateful that I was in the French Immersion program throughout my youth.

### A few accomplishments I have achieved:

Being in the French Immersion program helped me distinguish myself as a student, athlete and community member. Throughout highschool I was the recipient of many awards, scholarships and was able to participate in a few overseas humanitarian trips.

### What would be your advice to current French immersion students?

Advice I would pass along to current French Immersion students is to take advantage of the extra opportunities that come your way. Having more than one language opens up a huge variety of life experiences, ranging from academic achievements, job diversity and learning another language and immersing yourself into another culture.

### Where are you now (location/career/using your French, etc)?

After graduating from post secondary I moved back to my hometown Merritt BC to open a holistic health clinic. I've been working as a Registered Massage Therapist for 3 years now. Being in the public sector I've been able to utilize my French with clients.

### A favourite memory from French Immersion:

Being in the Immersion program I was given the opportunity to travel overseas on a few humanitarian trips. One of my favorite memories is going to a remote Peruvian village. While there we volunteered at a hospital, orphanage, and helped prepare the village's fields for planting.

### What are you most proud of from your French Immersion experience?

I'm proud of being bilingual and being able to travel confidently.

### How did French Immersion help you?

French Immersion helped me challenge myself from a young age, while learning to always stay curious. From jobs, to learning medical terms, to