# Future Pathways Fireside Chats

# **DISCUSSION GUIDE: Simon Baker**

(Actor)

https://vimeo.com/420780846

**ROLE MODEL BIO:** Simon R Baker virtually grew up in front of the camera with his first starring role at the age of 9 in the feature "Once in a Blue Moon"; he followed that with 3 seasons of the hit TV series, "North of Sixty". Some career highlights include a leading role in the Stephen Spielberg produced mini series, "Into the West", the lead in the Disney Channel feature "Buffalo Dreams", working 4 months opposite Tommy Lee Jones and Cate Blanchett in Ron Howard's "The Missing", the lead in the Independent Film "Buckaroo" and his compelling role of Randy in the award winning festival hit "On the Corner" which premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival. Other projects include the MOW's "Journey to the Center of the Earth", "Dreamkeeper", the two North of Sixty MOW's "Dream Storm" and "Distant Drumming" plus the mini series "Big Bear". His work in feature films includes Chris Eyre's "Smoke Signals" which earned Simon a First Americans in the Arts nomination for Best Supporting Actor..

### **LEARNING GOALS:**

• I will make connections between a role model's life experiences and my own

## **SUCCESS CRITERIA:**

- I can Identify 3 specific actions that helped Simon achieve his goals
- I can connect examples of these themes to my actions in my own life

**IDENTIFY** Some of the themes below are discussed in the Fireside Chat with Simon Baker..

artistic expression family confidence

positive influences

ceremony

confidence environmental activism

How have these themes have been present in Simon's life?

- Listen to the interview
- Record notes of relevant themes and examples

**CONNECT** Reflect on your own journey. Where do these themes appear in your own life?

Discuss with a friend of family member. Record your connections in writing, drawing or with music.

"Develop as many friends and experiences as you can, because life is fast".

-Simon Baker

### **EXTEND**

Throughout life we all stumble and misstep. Learning from these experiences is part of our journey.

Reflect on a time you experienced an obstacle. How did you rebound from it? What steps can you take in the future to learn from this experience?



