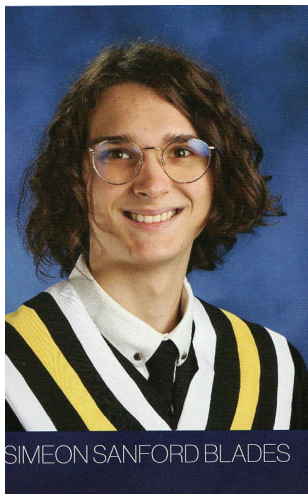




Alumni Award for Music



Dear Vic High Alumni Association,

I am honoured to be the recipient of the Alumni Award for Music this year and want to say thank you for this generous support.

My name is Simeon Sanford Blades and I love music. I have been playing saxophone since the sixth grade and immediately fell in love with it. I come from a very musical family, but no one in my family has ever been a professional musician so they are all very encouraging and supportive of my path. There is no greater joy for me than playing music with other people, especially those in the school or community. I have enjoyed playing in the concert band, jazz band, R&B band, and orchestra all throughout my time at Vic High and will be very sad to leave it behind. I have learned an enormous amount from spending time with all of my peers and of course Mr Rawson, our music teacher.

When I graduate I will be taking a gap year to study music theory and play with as many people as possible before hopefully attending either McGill, MacEwan, or Humber for jazz baritone saxophone. My dream is to be able to create the music I want too without being constrained by money or skill. I will use this generous amount of money to purchase a keyboard to set me on the path to success.

Thank you again for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,

Simeon Sanford Blades