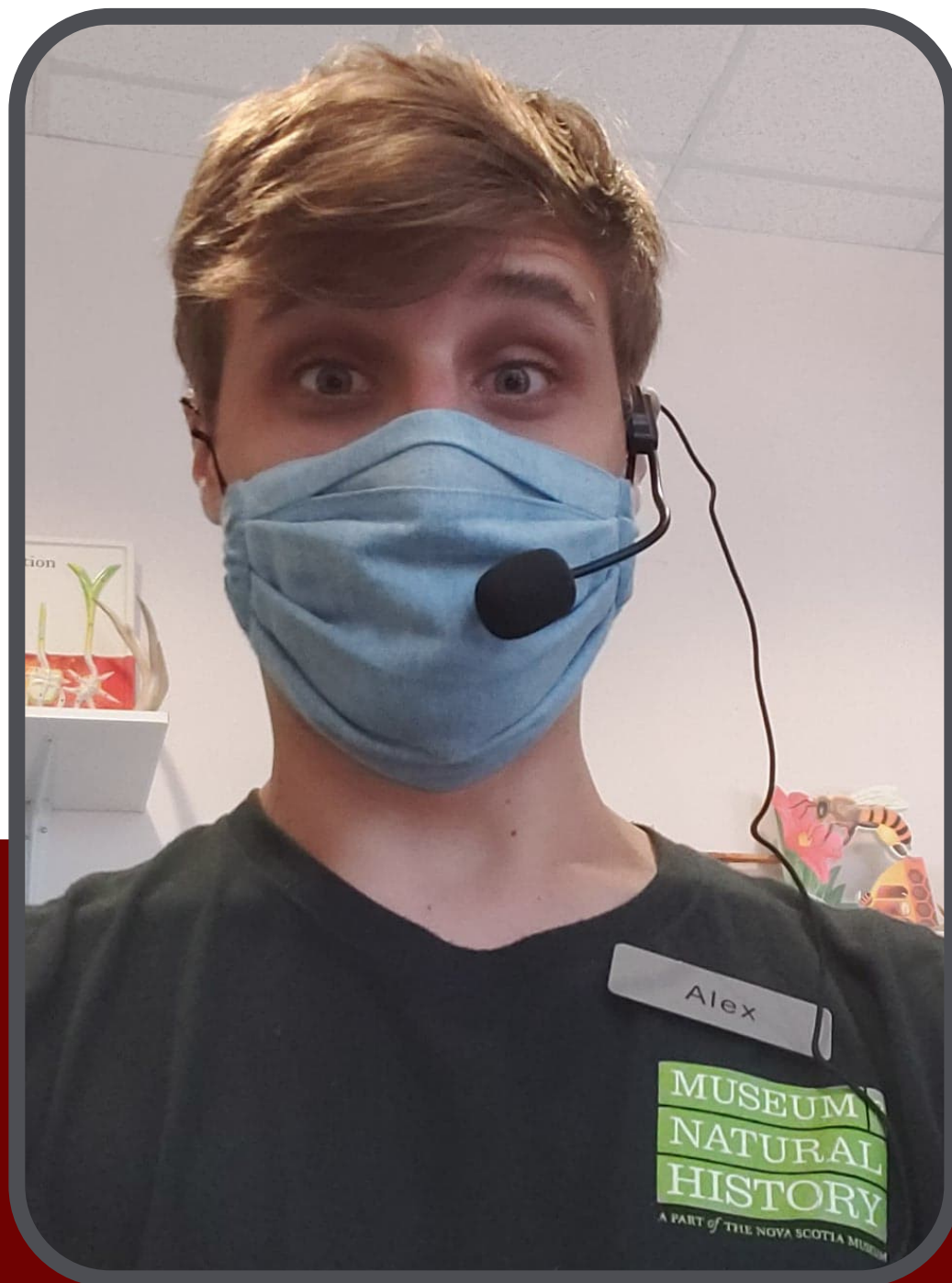


Would you recommend
Service Learning to other students?



"I would wholeheartedly recommend participating in the Service Learning Program to anyone interested in enhancing their education through applied coursework, expanding their skills to better prepare themselves for entering the professional sphere, and giving back to their community."

- Alex Baker

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What was the highlight of your experience?



The highlight of my experience would have to be discovering a path towards a professional career. I initially participated in the Service Learning Program out of curiosity – I never imagined that I would enjoy working in a Museum environment as much as I ultimately did. The chance to work with animals and unique technology, coupled with the opportunity to impart fascinating information to members of the public of all ages, turned out to be something that I quite enjoyed. Thanks to my positive experiences at the Museum of Natural History, I hope to one day pursue a career in either education or museum interpretation.

How did this opportunity enhance your experience at SMU?

To say that participating in the Service Learning Program enhanced my experience as an undergraduate student would be a vast understatement. The Service Learning Program provided me with a unique opportunity to apply information from the classroom to a professional setting, enriching both my educational experience, but also perhaps more significantly my career prospects.

Drawing connections between abstract academic material and my interactions in a professional setting enriched my knowledge of the course material, and working as a volunteer imparted me with valuable experience regarding what it takes to transition to the workforce. I also made a number of important professional connections through my experiences at the Museum and with the Service Learning Program.

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Alex Baker is a Philosophy Masters student studying at Saint Mary's University, who also serves as the Service Learning student ambassador.

Alex first became involved in the Service Learning Program in late 2018, while studying Romantic Literature as an undergraduate at Saint Mary's. He chose to participate in the program by volunteering at the Museum of Natural History, beginning the start of a long and productive relationship.

Alex continues to volunteer at the Museum, and has previously been employed at the Museum professionally, both as a summer programming student, and as a contract interpretive programmer.



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