

Evergreen State College
Master of Public Administration Program

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Dear MPA Program Admissions Committee:

I am writing this letter to fully recommend Anungua Dariimaa (Ann) for Evergreen's Master of Public Administration program. Ann performed exceptionally well in my Community-Based Learning: Nonprofit Internships program at Evergreen this spring. The course somewhat mirrors the Nonprofit Theory and Practice course I have taught in the MPA program over the years.

Ann was an exceptional undergraduate student. She read all materials and was ready to seminar every class, something which can be sorely lacking at the undergraduate level. Ann participated fully in all class discussions, showing a deep knowledge and engagement with the course materials. Ann's written assignments were also exceptionally well written, insightful, and professional reflective.

Part of the spring quarter program was interning with a nonprofit organization. Ann's internship was with Kokua, a local nonprofit organization working with persons with disabilities. Here is what Ann's field supervisor at Kokua had to say about Ann's performance this quarter:

Ann excelled in her role as tutor/mentor. Ann also worked ten hours a week, doing research and helping to develop a corporate fundraising campaign for hummingbird studio and café. Hummingbird studio is Kokua's free, inclusive community art program and hummingbird café will be a social enterprise to help support the art program. Ann worked independently and met weekly with me, Evangeline Poulos, Community Programs Coordinator, or both of us. Each week she presented her research. We discussed ideas and next steps for the following week. Ann's research was thorough, and her presentations were professional. She was open to feedback and suggestions. Her work will provide a solid foundation for this future fundraising campaign. Ann also went above and beyond, helping with Arts Walk and the LEAD social despite working and going to school full-time. She is capable, energetic, warm, and engaging. Ann also went above and beyond, helping with Arts Walk and the LEAD social despite working and going to school full-time. She is capable, energetic, warm, and engaging.

In talking with Ann, she has expressed interest in giving back to community, and working in the nonprofit sector. Ann currently works for a for-profit financial institution and was really drawn to the notion of public and nonprofit work as "a calling." This notion speaks to the type of student who is drawn to public and nonprofit service, and who would excel in our exceptional MPA program.

Feel free to contact me at swetkisd@evergreen.edu if you have any questions regarding this recommendation.

Regards,

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