

#### Application Related Information

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Application:	Application Complete	Iteration Name:	202410_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To:	MES	Program Name:	MES

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By:	Pauline Yu	Recommenders Title:	Dr.
Recommenders Institution:	Evergreen State College	Contact Name:	Jordan Elie
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs:	I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.	Recommendation Waiver Choice:	
Recommendation Form Submitted:	✓	Recommendation Status:	Received
Received Date:	01/02/2023 08:39 PM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant without reservation.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000108556046	Recommendation Owner:	Josephine Bernier

#### Recommender Form Questions

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How long have you known applicant:	Applicant ability as self-directed learner:
Time since last contact with applicant:	Applicant as productive member of group:
Relationship with Applicant:	Applicant most significant strengths:
Ability to complete rigorous grad program:	Responsibility/reliability:
Communication Skills - Oral:	Communication skills - written:
Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:	Ability to work independently:
Ability to handle stress:	Ability to think critically:
Ability to analyze/problem solve:	Ability to think creatively:
Openness to feedback:	Potential for leadership:
Ability to work in a team:	Personal/professional reflection:

#### Description Information

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#### Other Information

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Masters of Environmental Studies Admissions  
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Dear Masters of Environmental Studies Admissions Committee,

It is with great enthusiasm that I give my highest recommendation to Mr. Jordan Elie for admission to the Masters of Environmental Studies at the Evergreen State College. He was an excellent student in 2 programs that I taught in the year 2022, Marine Environments and Student Originated Studies (SOS): Tribal Marine Policy and Sciences, and in my research offering "Undergraduate Research with Pauline Yu: Shellfish Biology". He has consistently demonstrated dedication and professional promise during his undergraduate work as my student, and he is an excellent candidate for interdisciplinary graduate study in the MES program. He has consistently demonstrated a dedication to academic excellence, and strong understanding of the varied topics covered in marine science, as exemplified by his performance on exams, group research, written assignments, presentations and laboratory work. Mr. Elie has demonstrated strong science communication skills in written proposals, exams and oral presentations, and he has also demonstrated strong interdisciplinary synthetic skills in the work of learning tribal law relating to fisheries resources. He is consistently well-prepared and organized for class, field and lab activities.

Here at Evergreen, I have supervised Mr. Elie directly as a student for a full year. He has consistently demonstrated a strong understanding of assigned and independently researched scientific and humanities literature. In the Marine Environments program, he co-wrote a proposal on settlement substrate preference, and presented a research paper about a local species, the opalescent nudibranch. For the SOS: Tribal Marine Policy and Sciences program, Mr. Elie worked on a group project about a case study on tribal co-governance of salmon resources, and wrote an independent policy paper about Inuit sealing rights and European Union trade policy. Mr. Elie is a dedicated, hard-working student who is not afraid to confront an intellectual challenge, and he has demonstrated a consistent interest in marine science and related issues. As is expected of Evergreen students, he has met with distinction the demands of critical thinking about complex issues, and this ability makes him especially well suited for a program like MES.

Particularly with group work, Mr. Elie actively implemented collaborative learning skills and learning across difference through his engaged participation. He is able to facilitate his own learning and others'



learning with her comments and feedback. He consistently worked to bring cohesion to the group project that had sometimes conflicting student abilities, and he was able to successfully bring together projects with capable students as well. Mr. Elie has proven he is always willing to learn, continually improve and develop his skills and knowledge. He works actively at improving himself as a student, continually developing as an intellectual and human being, and clearly demonstrates this drive in his work and performance. I have every expectation that he would continue his excellent academic work in the MES program.

Overall, I give Mr. Elie my highest recommendation for this graduate training opportunity for both his demonstrated achievements, and also his potential for further achievement. He has demonstrated excellence as a scientist-in-training, and additional interdisciplinary graduate study would assist him in achieving his career goals in marine sciences. Her demonstrated achievement and consistent passion for marine science make her a worthwhile time and training investment. This opportunity to have additional mentorship, skill development and networking would be invaluable for him. With this opportunity for advanced graduate training, Mr. Elie will strengthen his potential for further accomplishments. Thank you for considering Mr. Jordan Elie for admission to the Masters of Environmental Studies at The Evergreen State College.

Sincerely,

Pauline C. Yu, Ph. D.  
Regular Member of Faculty