

Dear Admissions Board,

It is with deep integrity that I submit this letter of recommendation for Mr. Lyle Fogg to the Evergreen State College's Master of Environmental Studies program. Lyle lives to learn so that he may share his skills for the betterment of the whole. In terms of professional attributes, academic goals, and personal commitments, Lyle is the ideal candidate for TESC's Master of Environmental Studies program.

Lyle's character, professional pursuits, and personal life all reflect the traits one would hope to see in a master of the field. He is a thoughtful problem solver, a conscientious environmental steward, and one who promotes the transformation of awareness into action. I've seen him do this throughout the two decades that I have known him.

I've watched with awe his returning to college. Lyle has elected to continue learning and studying, despite his being an already well accomplished professional and having a career most anyone would be proud of. His resume includes wastewater systems, drinking water systems, engineering, and other related skill sets. However, what his resume may not show is that he is spirit-driven to keep reaching.

Lyle is a studious and smart person with the rarity of also being wholistic in approach. He has the unique quality of exemplifying the art within the technical, and the beauty in what others may see as overtly scientific. Lyle values supporting the environment, protecting the water, and honoring the connection that binds humans to the planet. TESC's program is a promising pathway for him to obtain more tools for learning and teaching in support of these things.

Lyle has made impacts at a variety of levels. At the local level, Lyle uses his education and professional skills for the community of Olympia, Washington, as a City of Olympia Wastewater System Asset Manager. At a state level, Lyle has worked for the United States Army engineering and managing naval base water systems to ensure the seamless operations of our nation's most important military locations.

Lastly, I'd like to draw your attention to the diversity of Lyle's being. He is a protector, both of peoples and water. He is a way-shower in his advocacy and community service for his culture, family, and tribe spanning South Dakota to Seattle. He is guardian whose engineering employment in civil and military services has been dependable and solid. Finally, Lyle is a change-maker as shown by his courageous efforts within in his faith community to challenge the status-quo and build discernment.

Lyle will bring value, curiosity, and commitment to his cohort. Upon his graduation from the program, Evergreen State College can expect Lyle to continue being of service and to uphold the alumni legacy of promoting environmental work that weaves together ecological knowledge, data-informed practice, and commitment to protecting the environment.

Thank you for considering Lyle Fogg for the Master of Environmental Studies program. He is an excellent candidate and I hope for his acceptance not merely on principle, but because the world needs more people like him in the discipline.

Sincerely,

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