

#### Application Related Information

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Application: Application Verified  
Grad Program Applying To: MES

Iteration Name: 202410\_GR\_G  
Program Name: MES

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By: Rodney Sayler  
Recommenders Institution: Washington State University

Recommenders Title: Associate Professor

Contact Name: Xitlali Herrera

Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.

Recommendation Waiver Choice: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.

Recommendation Form Submitted: ✗

Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 12/29/2022 01:29 PM

Recommender Assessment:

Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000108659130

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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**From:** Saylor, Rodney D <rdsaylor@wsu.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2022 1:15 PM  
**To:** Azar, Averi <Averi.A.Azar@evergreen.edu>  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for Xitlali Herrera Application for Graduate Program

Hello Ms. Azar.

This is Dr. Rod Saylor with the School of the Environment at Washington State University.

I'm writing on behalf of a former undergraduate student of ours, Xitlali Herrera, who I believe is applying to your graduate program in Environmental Studies.

Xitlali asked me for a letter of recommendation a while back, however, I don't believe that I received a request or web link, etc. to submit a letter of recommendation for her, but I understand that the application deadline is December 30.

Given the normal disruption of the holidays, I thought I'd try to contact you directly and herein submit a miniature letter of recommendation with the hopes that it will count in time to meet the Dec. 30 deadline for Xitlali – or at least get her foot in the door.

So, here we go:

I teach senior and graduate level courses that are capstone science classes in the School of the Environment. Consequently, the majority of our students take one or more of my classes in their senior years and I have a chance to observe them before they go out the door and graduate.

I had Xitlali in several of my classes, including Conservation Biology and the capstone science class, Restoration Ecology. She did wonderful in both classes and I found her to be always interested, engaged, and dedicated to producing good work on a timely basis. She was a wonderful student, a pleasure to work with, and consequently, I certainly can recommend that she be seriously considered for your M.S. graduate program. I believe she would be dedicated to her work and do well and reflect well on your program.

If there are any specific questions you'd like me to address, or if there is a web or email link to submit a letter of support for her, I'd be more than happy to elaborate and will do so asap.

The best way to contact me is via my email ([rdsaylor@wsu.edu](mailto:rdsaylor@wsu.edu)) as I am not working in my campus office and do not answer or check my phone there.

Let me know if there is anything I can do to facilitate Xitlali's graduate application and I will be most happy to help.

Best wishes and Happy New Year!.

Rod Saylor

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