

#### 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:	John O'Malley	Recommenders Title:	President, NAMI Greater Los Angeles County
Recommenders Institution:	National Alliance on Mental Illness, Greater Los Angeles County	Contact Name:	Ashley Kemper
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:	12/29/2022 09:11 AM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant without reservation.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000108730286	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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Description: Form URL: <https://evergreenstatecollege.radius>

#### Other Information

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December 29, 2022

To: Admissions Director  
From: John O'Malley  
Re: Recommendation Letter for ASHLEY KEMPER

I am pleased to submit this letter on behalf of one of our most engaged and diligent board members and volunteers Ashley Kemper. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is a nationwide grassroots organization serving the families of individuals living with serious mental illness and these individuals themselves. Through our more than 600 affiliates throughout the United States, we provide education and support to our families and loved ones and engage in advocacy on their behalf at the local, state and national levels. I am president and board chair of the Greater Los Angeles County and Glendale, California, affiliates.

Ashley shows the energy, drive and commitment that makes her a key part of this effort. As a wonderful addition to our Glendale board, she regularly brings insightful recommendations to our board meetings in addition to acting as our correspondence secretary. Ashley takes seriously her responsibility to raise funds for NAMI principally through our annual NAMI Walks where she is a highly successful team captain while seeking corporate sponsorships.

One of the most critical services we provide is family support group. In a confidential setting, we engage with families whose loved ones are experiencing mental health crises, often for the first time. Since 2016, Ashley has acted as a facilitator twice per month in our Sunday evening sessions. These sessions can be quite emotional and raw as family members begin to come to terms with their loved one's experience with serious mental illness, where issues of homelessness, interaction with law enforcement, hospitalization and suicidality regularly emerge. Ashley demonstrates the empathy, sensitivity, even temper and wisdom necessary to guide these families toward hope and greater understanding. Over these past six years, Ashley has literally touched and improved the lives of hundreds of families.

In addition, to her terrific substantive work for NAMI, Ashley brings a pleasant and thoughtful demeanor to every engagement. Her positive, can-do attitude is a real strength, and she does all this while holding down full-time employment. Given her long term dedication, obvious intelligence and drive, I am confident she will succeed in her ambitions in environmental studies.

Kind regards,

John O'Malley