

#### Application Related Information

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Application:	Application Not Verified	Iteration Name:	202410_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To:	MES	Program Name:	MES

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By:	Robin Bond	Recommenders Title:	Dr
Recommenders Institution:	The Evergreen State College	Contact Name:	Mackenzie Kleiva
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs:	I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.	Recommendation Waiver Choice:	
Recommendation Form Submitted:	✓	Recommendation Status:	Received
Received Date:	06/25/2023 09:44 AM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant without reservation.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000110045075	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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25 June 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend Mackenzie Kleiva (who usually uses the name Mack) for admission into your graduate program. During the 2018-9 school year, Mack was a student in my program, Environmental Analysis, an experience which involved learning challenging upper division material, participating in demanding laboratory experiences, and planning and carrying out a capstone research project. Mack excelled in all of program aspects.

Mack was a diligent student, producing exam grades that were consistently in the top 5-10% of the class, and showed clear evidence of being a very good writer. Mack frequently participated in group projects and often took a leadership role.

Mack did a capstone research project that highlighted her ability to do independent research. Mack analyzed mercury levels in salmon and sought a connection between that and mercury levels in periphyton. This was a complex project that required constant re-examination and tweaking of methods, and Mack showed resilience and inventiveness in the face of constant difficulty. Mack also showed a remarkable ability to present this project to different audiences—scientists, students, and schoolchildren.

After graduation, Mack formed a non-profit, Metamimicry, that integrated outreach to the community with scientific research into bioremediation. I served on the board of directors of Metamimicry for its first year; during this time, I observed Mack engage in such activities as fundraising, planning and carrying out outreach events, and interacting with indigenous tribes to perform mutually beneficial activities. Throughout this period, Mack's ability to innovate, communicate, and organize never ceased to amaze me.

Mack is a really incredible individual who has used her intelligence, work ethic, and creativity to do great things in the world. I feel that she would be an asset in any situation that meshes science and communication. She would no doubt be an outstanding student in your graduate program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robin Bond". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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