

#### Application Related Information

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Application: Application Complete  
Grad Program Applying To: MES

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

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By: Kristeen Johnson  
Recommenders Institution:  
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.

Recommenders Title: Principal  
Contact Name: Amanda Rueda

Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommendation Waiver Choice:

Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 12/30/2022 12:41 PM

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant without reservation.

Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000108310552

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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Kristeen Johnson, Principal  
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December 18, 2022

Dear Evergreen State College Admittance Committee,

I would like to recommend Amanda Rueda for your Master's in Environmental Studies program. I have known Ms. Rueda for over 6 years in different capacities: student, volunteer, and employee in the Centralia School District. During this time, Amanda served as a tutor, para-educator, Summer School teacher, substitute teacher, and Assistant Director for the Outdoor Education program. Amanda has consistently displayed the qualities it takes to make her successful in her studies and future career.

The Outdoor Education Program (Camp Cispus) for the Centralia School District is an environmental science unit that teachers develop and high school students support for the 250+ sixth grade students in the district. Amanda's position required her to train high school students how to teach and support the science curriculum, attend to the emotional and physical needs of adolescents, and support the director while at camp. Amanda Rueda devoted many hours in preparation for these tasks. Not only did she put in extra hours after the work day to gain information and meet with staff, she also put in at least 3 hours on multiple weekends to train high school students and to ensure everything was prepared and ready to go. This dedication helped the program succeed during the comeback year after COVID. We couldn't have done it without her.

Amanda Rueda's demeanour and communication skills allowed her to quickly develop connections with colleagues, students, and families. Ms. Rueda was responsible for sending out communications to our families, the staff, and the high school students she trained. Every communication was clear, positive in nature, and professional. She takes her roles seriously and yet displays a professional sense of humour with colleagues and the larger community. Amanda's style and skills gain the respect, trust, and adoration from all.

Ms. Rueda's passion in the science field and drive to make a difference in the lives of others stands out above others and is the reason I have no hesitation in recommending her for the Master's in Environmental Studies program at Evergreen State College. She has the qualities it takes and the drive to succeed that will bring her success in anything she takes on. If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristeen Johnson".

Kristeen Johnson

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