

Application Related Information

Application: Application Complete Iteration Name: 202410_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To: MES Program Name: MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: John Calambokidis Recommenders Title: Senior Research Biologist
Recommenders Institution: Cascadia Research Collective Contact Name: Alexandra Vanderzee
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: 12/28/2022 01:26 PM Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant without reservation.
Recommendation Type: General Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000108659096 Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

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

Description: Form URL: <https://evergreenstatecollege.radiu>

Other Information

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To whom it may concern:

This letter is to strongly recommend Alex Vanderzee for admission into the MES program at Evergreen. I have known Alex for many years since she started working with Cascadia more than 10 years ago and have had a good chance to get to know her professionally. I am a graduate of Evergreen in the late 1970s and then immediately afterward founded Cascadia Research, a non-profit organization based in Olympia conducting original research on whales along the US West Coast. I also have served periodically as an Adjunct Faculty at Evergreen for the MES program teaching a course on Marine Mammal Biology in a number of past years.

Alex has been an incredibly diligent hard-working biologist at Cascadia conducting a wide variety of work with us, much of it related to photographic identification of individual cetaceans. Her work has been extremely beneficial throughout that time, but she has more recently sought to increase her skills and take on more challenging and ambitious aspects of the research of the research with us. The timing is appropriate and excellent for her to seek to do that through a Master's program and the Evergreen program will help serve that need while she continues to work with us.

As we have with other graduate students, Cascadia will be happy to work with Alex on suitable projects for her thesis and this will be of mutual benefit. She has worked on a wide variety of projects already and many of them would be suitable for more advanced analysis and write up for publication as part of a Master's project.

Let me know if there is any additional information I can provide in support of her acceptance into the program.

Sincerely,



John Calambokidis
Research Biologist at Cascadia Research