Application Related Information

Application: Application Incomplete Iteration Name: 202510_GR_G

Grad Program Applying To: MES Program Name: MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Dietmar Schwarz Recommenders Title: Professor

Recommenders Institution: Western Washington Contact Name:

University Barbara Bevacqua

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Recommendation Form

Recommendation Status: Received

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Recommendation Type: General Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation

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Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known Applicant ability as

applicant: self-directed learner:

Time since last contact with Applicant as productive

member of group:

Relationship with Applicant: Applicant most significant

strengths:

Ability to complete rigourous Responsibility/reliability:

grad program:

applicant:

Communication Skills - Oral: Communication skills -

written:

Service Ability to work independently:

Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:

Ability to handle stress: Ability to think critically:

Ability to analyze/problem Ability to think creatively:

solve:

Openness to feedback: Potential for leadership:

Ability to work in a team: Personal/professional

reflection:

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR BARBARA BEVAQUA

To Whom It May Concern:

I have the great pleasure to enthusiastically recommend Barbara ("Bobbi") Bevaqua for graduate studies in Environmental Studies at the Evergreen State College.

I have known Bobbi since the Spring quarter 2018 when she was a student in both my Genetics and Ecology courses here at Western Washington University. I was also her academic adviser and, most crucially, I have advised her as an undergraduate research student in my lab.

In short, Bobbi is one of the most promising and accomplished students I have encountered in my more than 15 years of teaching at WWU. She excelled in both of my courses, she was a recipient of the prestigious NOAA Hollings fellowship and she participated in an NSF REU summer research program at the University of Alaska (presenting her resulting work at a scientific conference in Europe) in addition to having worked in both my lab and a water quality lab at WWU.

As a student in my ecology and evolution courses Bobbi stood out by her keen intellect and curiosity from the rest of the class. Learning the material was very easy for her and through her active participation in the classroom it was obvious that she thought critically about the class material. She is an excellent communicator both in personal conversations, presentations, and written work. All of these traits will serve here extremely well both as a researcher and teacher.

In my lab, Bobbi assisted a graduate student in a large genetic crosses examining the desiccation resistance in lab reared hybrids between apple and snowberry maggot fruit flies. Performing this work, Bobbi demonstrated attention to detail, careful record keeping, reliability, and the willingness to work on weekends and holidays.

Bobbi is an excellent colleague who is collaborative, outgoing, upbeat, and has a high degree of emotional competence. She has been a great addition to my lab group where she and other students self-organized work schedules and made sure that sensitive tasks were completed on time. I believe that she will fit into and enrich any social environment that she may find herself in as a graduate student.

I have no doubt that Bobbi will excel in your graduate program. Were Bobbi interested in joining my lab for a masters degree, I would take her on as graduate student without a second thought and would consider myself extremely lucky.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Dietmar Schwarz