

Application Related Information

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Grad Program Applying To: MES

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Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Daniel Rubenstein
Recommenders Institution: Princeton University
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Recommenders Title: Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
Contact Name: Kayli Marshall
Recommendation Waiver Choice:
Recommendation Status: Received
Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant.
Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation
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:

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I gladly write on behalf of **Kato Marshall**. I helped supervise Kato during the summer of 2018 as part of Princeton University's Farm Project. During this time, Kato was involved in collecting field data and participating in interviews with farmers at several New Jersey vegetable farms to study the impact of farming practices and environmental conditions on crop productivity. Kato later analyzed the first-year data for his senior thesis which also helped lay the groundwork for the robust datasets and processes that guided student projects and independent work for over three years later. I was grateful for Kato's willingness to assist with all aspects of the project even when they were not directly related to his thesis work that summer. His ability to troubleshoot issues and adapt to changing circumstances in farm-based fieldwork was also commendable.

During his time working up a sweat and getting his hands and knees dirty through the Farm Project experience, Kato was able to witness firsthand sustainable agriculture at play while spending valuable time getting to know the local (farming) community. Specifically, Kato talked to and learned about farmers' experiences, trials, and tribulations, and saw how the farmers interacted with consumers. Throughout, he was respectful and worked well with others, and it was clear that he exhibited a genuine passion for agriculture and environmental science, which translated into valuable insights for our research.

As he reached out to me for a reference it was heartening to see how he has grown but has remained committed to sustainable agriculture. His passion coupled to his innate intelligence and empathetic personality, enables him to learn by doing and use each new idea to contemplate new ways to farm sustainably. That he wants to continue on with his studies, is terrific. He has my strongest support and I hope he will have yours as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. I. Rubenstein".

Daniel I. Rubenstein
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