

Application Related Information

Application: Application Incomplete
Grad Program Applying To: MES

Iteration Name: 202510_GR_G
Program Name: MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Kelly Steffen
Recommenders Institution: Environmental Science
Center (of Burien)
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to
review this recommendation.
Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommenders Title: Grants and Programs Director
Contact Name: Kayli Marshall

Recommendation Waiver
Choice:

Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 06/13/2024 03:35 PM

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant
without reservation.

Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000118768524

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

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Other Information

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June 13th, 2024

Dear Admissions Department,

This letter of recommendation is in enthusiastic support of Kato Marshall in their application for the Master's in Environmental Science graduate program at The Evergreen State College. I have known and worked with Kato since September 2022 when they were hired as a naturalist at the Environmental Science Center (ESC). As the Grants and Programs Director at ESC, I have been seeing Kato's work leading groups of students during our outdoor field trip programs over the past two years.

In their role as naturalist, Kato regularly leads groups of students in K through 8th grade in outdoor field trip activities. They expertly and warmly facilitate safe and engaging outdoor science experiences for every group of students they work with, with careful attention to student engagement and connection. Kato shows incredible dedication to accuracy and rigor in science, while also making the practice of science accessible to the diverse students and participants in our programs.

Each one of our naturalists brings a unique background to this position and we have been so grateful and pleased with Kato's restoration background. We have pulled them into many special schoolyard restoration projects over their time with us. This past year they worked twice a month with a local middle school as we guided the students on restoration work at our local Seahurst Park in Burien. Kato has been willing to jump into a variety of tasks and is always eager to learn new things.

During my time working with Kato, they have brought many contributions to our team on top of willingly and successfully jumping into many new projects. I recommend them without reservation for the graduate program and know they will succeed in this venture. If you would like to discuss Kato's qualifications further, you may contact me at (206) 248-4266 x3 or email me at Kelly@EnvironmentalScienceCenter.org.

Sincerely,

Kelly Steffen
Grants and Programs Director
Environmental Science Center