Application Related Information

Application:	Application Not Verified	Iteration Name:	202510_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To:	MES	Program Name:	MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By:	Rhys Roth	Recommenders Title:	Executive Director
Recommenders Institution:	Center for Sustainable Infrastructure	Contact Name:	Alexa Martin Del Campo
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:	12/20/2023 10:04 AM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant without reservation.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000112224029	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 rigourous 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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December 20, 2023

Averi Azar, Assistant Director
Master of Environmental Studies Program, The Evergreen State College

Dear Averi,

My name is Rhys Roth. I am the Executive Director at the Center for Sustainable Infrastructure, and a proud graduate of Evergreen's MES program. I am writing today to offer my strongest recommendation in support of Alexa Martin Del Campo's application to MES.

Alexa has served as CSI's first Knowledge Exchange Coordinator for the last 5 months, a period of intensive knowledge exchange activity for CSI, in a leading-edge sustainability field (sustainable industry) that was new to her. Alexa was undaunted; she immediately dove into each of these complex activities and added substantial value to the CSI team's efforts to organize:

- a weeklong study tour of Denmark for WA agriculture leaders;
- a weeklong visit and tour of the Pacific Northwest for an international delegation;
- ½ day workshops in Pasco and Longview;
- a legislator briefing in Olympia; and
- a luncheon for state agency and philanthropic leaders in Seattle.

In the process, Alexa increased CSI's social media followers by 100% through creative social media campaigns, video testimonials, and outreach. Her creative approach has brought new energy to the organization and helped CSI reach a broader audience.

Alexa's position is outward-facing, requiring her to build relationships and support great learning experiences for a wide variety of important and influential leaders. Her strong interpersonal communication skills, her readiness to serve the mission of the project at hand, and her keen attention to detail have really impressed me.

At the outset, I expected Alexa's first 6 months in this job would be 70% learning curve and 30% tangible contribution to the work. Looking back at her accomplishments during this initial period, I'd recalculate to 70% learning curve and 70% tangible contribution. The fact that this adds up to 140% reflects that Alexa's contribution greatly exceeds my expectations going in.

A number of qualities I've observed in Alexa make her a good fit for the MES program: She's a clear thinker; an eager and capable learner; a careful listener who asked good, clarifying questions. She has a strong curiosity, work ethic, and moral compass. She brings positive energy to a group and she works well as part of a team.

I believe Alexa will thrive in the MES program's rigorous interdisciplinary approach to environmental challenges, and its emphasis on collaborative learning, broad-based reading, writing and presenting, seminar discussions, and practical application of learnings to real-world contexts. I see Alexa as a future sustainability leader of distinction, and I sincerely believe the MES experience will advance her leadership trajectory.

As a graduate of Evergreen's MES program (1990), I enthusiastically recommend that the MES program accept Alexa's application.

Sincerely,

Rhys Roth
Executive Director

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