## Application Related Information

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

## Recommendation Information

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| Recommended By: | Terry Carroll | Recommenders Title: | Operations Manager |
| 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: | 12/18/2023 02:25 PM | Recommender Assessment: | I recommend this applicant. |
| Recommendation Type: | General | Recommender Form: | Letter of Recommendation |
| Recommendation Entity ID: | 1024000116635154 | Recommendation Owner: | Josephine Bernier |

## Recommender Form Questions

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| 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

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| Description: | | Form URL: | https://evergreenstatecollege.radiu |

## Other Information

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| Created Time: | 12/14/2023 04:08 PM | Created By: | Josephine Bernier |
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Dear MES Admissions Committee:

I am happy to recommend Alexa Martin Del Campo for admission to the Master of Environmental Studies program at The Evergreen State College. As the Operations Manager at the Olympia-based nonprofit, the Center for Sustainable Infrastructure (CSI), I have gotten to know Alexa well over the past several months; first during her onboarding process as CSI's new Knowledge Exchange Coordinator, and then as her co-worker and supervisor. During her first few months with CSI, Alexa has very quickly taken on several challenging projects for our organization. These projects required excellent interpersonal communication skills, as well as detailed planning and logistics. They involved helping to organize educational events focused on complex, technical topics such as industrial symbiosis and sustainable infrastructure.

Alexa is a fast and capable learner, with a strong sense of curiosity that drives her to always learn more. Even though she had limited exposure to many of the topics our organization focuses on, she very quickly picked up a working understanding of concepts like industrial ecology. Beyond laying an educational foundation for herself, she was also quickly able to communicate these ideas to others, through the production of external communications and social media content. Alexa is consistently a very effective communicator, a skill that comes naturally to her and was further honed through her undergraduate education and work experiences.

I have observed Alexa to be a big-picture thinker with an eagerness to apply her critical thinking skills to the environmental field. Because of her tendency to think holistically, I believe the Evergreen MES program is a perfect fit for her to further her education in this direction. As an MES graduate myself, I think there are several aspects of the program that are well-aligned. Alexa makes a concerted effort to understand others' opinions and viewpoints that differ from her own and contributes meaningfully to thoughtful discussion on any policy-related issues that our work touches upon. So, I think she will thrive within the formats of seminar discussions and group project work.

Alexa also works quite well independently and is self-motivated. At CSI, we often work remotely and on our own timeline. I think this ability to work in a self-directed manner will serve her well during the thesis research and writing process. And her comfort with doing direct outreach will help her to form potential partnerships to obtain thesis data or make connections with external thesis readers.

Overall, I would recommend Alexa for most any graduate-level program that she was interested in pursuing. But I think she will especially resonate with and will have a lot to offer to the Evergreen MES program, specifically. I hope you will accept her application! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Terry Carroll
Operations Manager,
Center for Sustainable Infrastructure