

Application Related Information

Application:	Application Incomplete	Iteration Name:	202510_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To:	MES	Program Name:	MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By:	Paris McClusky	Recommenders Title:	Executive Director
Recommenders Institution:	Puget Sound Estuarium	Contact Name:	Enija Reed
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:	03/06/2024 04:31 PM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000116713679	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

Description:	Form URL:	https://evergreenstatecollege.radiu
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Other Information

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Paris McClusky, Executive Director of Puget Sound Estuarium and M.E.S alumni! The Estuarium's mission is to foster learning opportunities that inspire people of all ages to connect with, protect, and enjoy the unique estuary environment of Puget Sound. Our motto is to: "Explore • Connect • Inspire!" Our vision is to create an educated community that is engaged and inspired to promote the health, conservation, and restoration of Puget Sound. We rely on more than 120 community volunteers and over 30 partner organizations, and the Estuarium primarily serves all of Thurston County (pop. 280,289 -US Census), as well as Pierce and Mason Counties (pop. 956,806 - US Census).

Enija Reed has been an intern with our organization in partnership with the Center for Climate Action and Sustainability at The Evergreen State College since the summer of 2023. Since they started at the Estuarium, they have worked primarily with our Visitor Experience Coordinator and me, our ED. They work most weekends as our docent at our "Estuarium" marine discovery center during weekend open hours. During these shifts, they interpret our educational exhibits for visitors, and they talk to visitors about the animal ambassadors in our aquarium tanks. All these animals are from the South Sound, as we educate specifically about the South Sound and greater Salish Sea Ecosystem.

While working with us, Enija has increased her knowledge of marine and estuarine ecology, so they can share this knowledge with visitors to our facility. Additionally, Enija has worked with me on different organizational development projects like researching and sorting prospective grantors by order of priority, for the Estuarium from lists of hundreds of potential grantors. Enija is dedicated and always willing to take on projects for us. They are able to balance doing several ongoing and complicated projects at the same time, which as I recall, was a very important skill for the MES Program. Enija is highly capable, intelligent, and dedicated to the mission of furthering environmental conservation. I would highly recommend them for acceptance into the MES program at TESC.

Sincerely,

Paris McClusky

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Executive Director
Puget Sound Estuarium