



## Letter of Support

Dear Faculty Committee:

This letter is in strong support of Emma Stock's graduate school application. I am an instructor at Bellevue University. My research interests are quite broad, including bioinformatics, and genomics and I have taught several courses including vertebrate zoology, genetics, environmental science, and ecology.

Emma has been my student for about 3 years. She is passionate about holistic ecosystem management. She has spent the last three years exploring various options for exploring various holistic strategies for ecosystem management including genetics, ecology, and sociology. Her current student thesis project explores how genetic markers can be used to explore a species' evolutionary history and how geological shifts caused diversification amongst lineages. She's always the first in the lab and refuses to leave until the data is collected. I've been exceptionally impressed with her dedication studying a difficult aspect of environmental studies. She was selected to give a presentation at this year's Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. Emma is a highly intelligent, gregarious, dedicated student. I feel like her interests and her personality is ideal to tackle such a varied interest group.

Holistic ecosystem management requires a depth of knowledge from a significant range of scientific fields. Evergeen's interdisciplinary approach to Environmental Science is an ideal fit for such a passionate, dedicated student who has such varied interests.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.  
Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Gaughan".

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