

Application Related Information

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

Recommendation Information

Recommended By:	Mary Fox	Recommenders Title:	Professor
Recommenders Institution:	Tacoma Community College	Contact Name:	Kathy Wright
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs:	I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.	Recommendation Waiver Choice:	
Recommendation Form Submitted:	✓	Recommendation Status:	Received
Received Date:	03/25/2024 07:17 PM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant without reservation.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000118022298	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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March 24, 2024

To whom it may concern:

I am delighted to offer my recommendation for Kathy Wright as part of her application for admittance to the Master of Environmental Science Program at Evergreen State College. I am a full-time, tenured writing instructor at Tacoma Community College, where I have served as department chair and chair of our faculty organization, Instructional Council. I currently serve as co-advisor for the Black Student Union and for *Una Voce*, TCC's magazine of student writing.

Kathy and I met in 2017 when she was a student in my English& 102 argumentative writing class, where students chose a research problem to explore related to their communities or areas of academic interest. Kathy's interest in alternatives to traditional Western medicine led her to investigate the effectiveness of Ayurveda and various forms of naturopathic medicine. Her final project was well-researched and logically organized and included plenty of specific evidence to support her findings that alternative medicine, when integrated with traditional medical practices, may offer effective treatment for patients. Kathy revised her paper several times, and the final draft was clear and easy to read and offered more than the minimum number of required sources. Kathy's work demonstrated to me that even though she was just getting started on her academic journey, she was a serious student with strong academic interests and skills. I have kept in touch with Kathy since we worked together in class, and I am confident that she will do well in graduate-level work in research, analysis, and writing.

For the past three years, I've worked with Kathy in her capacity as coordinator of the TCC Community Garden, where I've been able to observe her ability to manage short and long-term projects, communicate with a variety of stakeholders, write grants, connect with community partners, and plan and make presentations to groups as diverse as student government and the TCC Board of Directors. Under Kathy's leadership, the garden has become a source of fresh produce for the Titan Food Pantry; a space for faculty to bring students to learn about topics as varied as sustainability, food insecurity, meditation, and mental and physical health; and an effective source for community engagement with partners such as local high schools and the Washington Corrections Center for Women. Kathy has a unique ability and commitment to bring people together and, as a result, the garden has flourished.

Kathy is an exceptional student and a powerful leader on our campus. I am honored to serve as a reference for her. Evergreen's Master of Environmental Science seems like a good fit for Kathy, and I am excited to follow her academic journey. Please let me know if you have questions or would like to talk further.

Sincerely,

Mary Fox, mfox@tacomacc.edu, (253) 324-5163