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Shalimar Pedersen
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RE: RECOMMENDATION FOR HUNTER ADELSON

Dear Shalimar Pedersen,

I am pleased to recommend Hunter Adelson on his application to the Evergreen State College's Master's in Environmental Science program.

I met Hunter while supporting him through the University of Washington's Wetland Science and Management Program as his practicum advisor. I am a Professional Wetland Scientist, Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioner, and senior ecologist with Shannon & Wilson and manage our Natural Resources group. My relationship with Hunter is relatively short (approximately 18 months) and has been focused on his interest in wetland ecology and aquatic systems. But, despite this short amount of time, Hunter has exhibited his passion, enthusiasm, and commitment to growing professionally as an ecologist.

When I first met Hunter, he came prepared with loads of ideas for his practicum and a thirst for feedback. He has exhibited a real enthusiasm for ecology and an inquisitive mind. His exuberance and joyful approach was enjoyable to be around.

What really stands out for me though was, when we first met over coffee and we were talking about his ideas for his practicum and what he wanted to get out of the Wetland Science and Management Program, he already had it in his mind that he wanted to pursue his graduate studies at Evergreen State College in the Environmental Science program. The reason why this struck me was that so often the students in the Wetland Science and Management Program want to transition into the professional space in either environmental consulting or find work at a nonprofit or state agency. But not Hunter. He had his mind on this program. He laid out his plan and explained that he needed to keep working at the grocery store where he was employed throughout his studies at the University of Washington and continue living with his parents so that he could save up enough money for his graduate studies. His dedication and commitment to his studies was obvious from the first moment I met him.

So yes, I recommend Hunter for the Evergreen State College's Master's in Environmental Science program. Not only is Hunter a friendly and joyful character to have on campus, albeit a bit quirky (aren't we all), but he's passionate about ecological studies and it's been a real ambition of his to study at Evergreen for several years.

Thanks

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