Application Related Information

Application:	Application Incomplete	Iteration Name:	202610_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To:	MES	Program Name:	MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By:	Nancy Murray	Recommenders Title:	Member of the Faculty
Recommenders Institution:	The Evergreen State Colege	Contact Name:	Arantxa Barcenas
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:	03/17/2025 01:55 PM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant with reservation.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000121871983	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 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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Other Information

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February 28, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

Ms. Arantxa Barcenas is applying to the Master of Environmental Science graduate program at Evergreen and has asked me to write on her behalf. I am happy to do so. She is motivated to enter the environmental studies field.

In the 2023-24 academic year, Arantxa was enrolled in a three-quarter program titled, Integrated Natural Science. This program combined the disciplines of general biology, general chemistry, precalculus I and II, and statistics. I taught Arantxa biology.

Arantxa is a strong student who has a keen intellect and questioning mind. She reflects on the material presented in class and can integrate her understanding of concepts across disciplines. On numerous occasions, she would ask questions outside of class to understand a topic more fully and to increase her depth of understanding. She's a hard-working student who puts effort into her academic work.

There were occasions in group settings where Arantxa struggled. Often, she wanted things to be 'perfect' and that is just not how lab work works. Over the course of the academic year, Arantxa improved in her ability to accept results that were not as expected.

In summary, I believe that Arantxa has the academic skills, coupled with her developing social skills, to be successful in the program. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Nancy C. Murray, Ph.D.
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