

Application Related Information

Application: Application Not Verified
Grad Program Applying To: MES

Iteration Name: 202610_GR_G
Program Name: MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Erik Thuesen
Recommenders Institution: The Evergreen State College

Recommenders Title: Ph.D.
Contact Name: Victoria Chaplinski

Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.

Recommendation Waiver Choice:

Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommendation Status: Received

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Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant without reservation.

Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation

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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:

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The Evergreen State College

Olympia, Washington

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Graduate Student Selection Committee
Master of Environmental Studies Program
The Evergreen State College
Olympia WA 98505

December 29, 2024

Dear Graduate Student Selection Committee:

This is a letter of recommendation for **Victoria (Tori) Chaplinski** to the MES Program at Evergreen. Tori was my student this past fall in the academic program, "Biological Oceanography of Puget Sound", and she has consulted with me several times concerning career choices and graduate school. I have been consistently impressed by her dedication, intellectual curiosity, and academic performance.

Tori did very well on both quantitative and qualitative aspects of exams. She performed admirably in laboratory assignments, underscoring her technical skills and attention to detail. She was very enthusiastic during field activities. Over the quarter, she took constructive critique to heart and improved her ability to write using quantitative comparisons with information in the primary scientific literature. I do not doubt that she is completely capable of writing an excellent Master's Thesis.

In addition to her academic and laboratory work in the program, Tori delivered a highly professional and thoroughly researched final presentation on Marine Protected Areas in Puget Sound. Her presentation was well-cited, comprehensive, and engaging, exemplifying her ability to communicate complex topics effectively to an audience of her peers. At the end of the quarter, several students remarked to me that they thought Tori's presentation was the best in the class. This presentation demonstrated her readiness for advanced study and research.

Tori collaborates very well with others, and all of her interactions with other students, staff, and faculty have been professional. Tori benefits from constructive critique, and I think that she would be a great fit for the MES program. Please consider her application favorably and do not hesitate to contact me if needed.

Sincerely yours,

Erik V. Thuesen, Ph.D.
Member of the Faculty, Zoology