Application Related Information

Application:	Application Not Verified	Iteration Name:	202610_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To:	MES	Program Name:	MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By:	Paula Schofield	Recommenders Title:	Member of the Faculty
Recommenders Institution:	The Evergreen State College	Contact Name:	Victoria Chaplinski
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Recommendation Form Submitted:	✓	Recommendation Status:	Received
Received Date:	12/17/2024 10:08 AM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant without reservation.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000121432888	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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Letter of Recommendation: Victoria Chaplinski

December 17, 2024

Victoria (Tori) was enrolled in the rigorous team taught interdisciplinary science program: Environmental Biology and Chemistry in 2023-24. I taught organic chemistry, chemical instrumentation, and environmental chemistry to Tori within this program, and previously taught her general chemistry within the Integrated Natural Science program (2022-23). I also currently employ Tori as a chemistry, biology and math tutor for my current INS program, and she is a lab assistant for this program. I have been Tori's science advisor since 2022, therefore I have got to know Tori very well. I have an excellent insight into her abilities and ambitions, how she interacts with others, and feel very comfortable writing this recommendation.

Tori was a very dedicated student who developed into an intelligent and capable scientist, clearly showing a passion for environmental science. Tori's dedication to learn was reflected in her attendance, quality of work, and overall participation in class, lab and field activities. Tori is extremely motivated and has a genuine interest in environmental science.

Of note, Tori worked very well on all aspects of the interdisciplinary lab and field projects. These included the characterization of soil microbial communities via phospholipid fatty acid/FAME analysis; an in-depth study (discharge, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, pH, temperature) of McLane Creek, a rural salmon spawning creek that drains into Eld Inlet of Puget Sound; a BOD_5 study of the college campus natural waters; and the examination of ground water flow in reference to petrochemical pollution. Through these projects Tori developed strong analytical skills, both quantitative and qualitative, and demonstrated the ability to communicate scientific concepts effectively, both written and orally. Moreover, Tori used her knowledge from a variety of disciplines to solve real world, interdisciplinary problems.

In addition, Tori demonstrated the ability to work effectively both independently and as part of a team. She actively participated in workshops, discussing and solving problems with group members. Tori was also successful in working independently to achieve the necessary goals to do well on examinations.

Tori's dedication to environmental studies, interdisciplinary training, work ethic, analytical skills, communication skills and ability to work as part of a team, all make her **an outstanding candidate for the MES program. I fully support Tori's application and give highly recommend her to you.**

Sincerely,

Paula Schofield, Ph.D.
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