

Application Related Information

Application: Application Incomplete
Grad Program Applying To: MES

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Program Name: MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Anthony Levenda
Recommenders Institution: Evergreen State College
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Recommenders Title: Director CCAS
Contact Name: Vanessa Dovenio
Recommendation Waiver Choice:
Recommendation Status: Received

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Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant.
Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known applicant:
Time since last contact with applicant:
Relationship with Applicant:
Ability to complete rigorous grad program:
Communication Skills - Oral:
Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:
Ability to handle stress:
Ability to analyze/problem solve:
Openness to feedback:
Ability to work in a team:

Applicant ability as self-directed learner:
Applicant as productive member of group:
Applicant most significant strengths:
Responsibility/reliability:
Communication skills - written:
Ability to work independently:
Ability to think critically:
Ability to think creatively:
Potential for leadership:
Personal/professional reflection:

Description Information

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Dear Colleagues,

I am a member of the faculty and Director of the Center for Climate Action and Sustainability at the Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington. I am pleased to recommend Vanessa Dovenio for the MES program. I am writing in my capacity as a faculty member who worked with Vanessa as a student in an independent learning contract as well as an intern with the CCAS.

From the outset, I can say Vanessa is extremely driven and hardworking. These qualities make her an invaluable asset to any team. She brings experience and a passion for environmental work that will be an asset to the incoming MES cohort and learning community. In the rest of this letter I will provide some short context and examples of work that Vanessa has completed as a student and intern.

Vanessa enrolled in an individual learning contract to develop and pilot a hydroponics laboratory set up at the Evergreen Tacoma campus. Vanessa set out to gain expertise on urban agriculture, learn about the technical set up and operations of hydroponics growing, coordinate lessons with hydroponics experts, and do community outreach to build interest for the project. Vanessa achieved each of these learning goals through a variety of research activities, hands-on experience, and the creation of materials for operating the hydroponics lab. Vanessa prepared deliverables including written manuals for operating the lab as well as an outline for continued curriculum to enable peer learning through the hydroponics laboratory. The deliverables were professional, well formatted and researched, and demonstrated that Vanessa is prepared for graduate school.

Vanessa not only delivered on the technical, day to day aspects of standing up a hydroponics pilot program, but also envisioned a bigger picture of the role this lab could play in advancing opportunities for learning and community engagement in Tacoma. This showed significant creativity and leadership, attributes that I believe will bring into the MES program. Through this work, Vanessa also helped build a team of Tacoma students who are engaging in and sustaining the hydroponics lab, engaged in curriculum delivery by hydroponics experts, and working to build connections between the Evergreen's campuses and local communities.

Based on this experience, I can happily recommend Vanessa for acceptance into the MES program at Evergreen. If you have any questions or want further information, feel free to contact me at the email below.

Sincerely,



Anthony Levenda, PhD