

Application Related Information

Application: Application Incomplete
Grad Program Applying To: MES

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Recommendation Information

Recommended By:
Angela Burlile

Recommenders Title: Continuing Education
Coordinator

Recommenders Institution: Doris Duke Conservation
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Contact Name:

Prasadini Gross

Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to
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Recommendation Waiver
Choice:

Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

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Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant.

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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:

Description Information

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To the members of the Selection Committee,

I am writing to offer my highest recommendation for Prasadini Gross' application to the Master's in Environmental Science Program at Evergreen College. I have had the honor of knowing Prasadini since February 2019 through my role as Program Coordinator and Field Instructor for the Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program (DDCSP) at the University of Washington.

DDCSP is a multi-summer undergraduate fellowship that supports emerging leaders committed to the creation of diverse and equitable conservation futures. Prasadini was chosen as one of 20 members of our 2019 cohort after a rigorous application and interview process among more than 200 applicants across the country. Scholars spend their first summer traveling across Washington state and adjoining Tribal Nations, engaging in multi-disciplinary conservation and environmental justice work.

As a member of a cohort of 20 individuals from diverse racial/ethnic backgrounds, Prasadini navigated the space with ease due to her strong interpersonal and communication skills, ability to set healthy boundaries, flexibility to change, and maturity when conflict arose. During discussion, she took the time to ensure each person felt seen and heard. She exemplified the idea that we are all simultaneously teachers and students, remaining open and humble to learning alongside her peers when presented with new information.

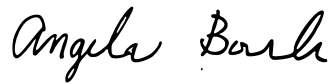
Throughout our first summer together, Prasadini was always one of the most engaged students, frequently asking insightful and thought-provoking questions that demonstrated an advanced level of understanding. She is motivated by a genuine love of learning. A core component of our program curriculum is to deconstruct settler-colonial and racist frameworks within the U.S. mainstream conservation movement, to interrupt and change oppressive patterns in ourselves and the institutions and communities of which we are a part. This is challenging work of the mind and heart, requiring not only critical and self-reflexive thinking, but also the ability to hold space for vulnerability and discomfort as a means of growth. Prasadini demonstrates the capacity to all of this and more, showing up not only for herself but for her peers in our cohort. These discussions are complex and nuanced, and Prasadini never backed away from difficult conversations and often took extra time outside of the classroom to support the learning of her peers through continued discussion. This is one of Prasadini's many gifts. She is compassionate, kind, and warm, and was integral to our community-building practice. She does not shy away from challenges and has a keen sense of equity, fairness, and justice.

In Prasadini's second summer internship, she developed an internship project with Forterra, focused on examining efforts to strengthen the local food system in Snohomish county. Prasadini was drawn to this project due to her belief that natural resource management and conservation planning must be strongly rooted in the needs of the community. Community engagement and advocacy has been at the forefront of Prasadini's interests within conservation.

Working alongside stakeholders and community members, Prasadini conducted extensive interviews, research, and analysis on existing food policy priorities in southern Snohomish County. Her final product was a presentation and comprehensive report detailing trends and gaps in food justice related policies.

I believe Prasadini is an outstanding candidate for this graduate program. Her pursuit for continual growth and her orientation to equity in justice within the environmental movement make her an ideal candidate. If you need any further information or have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Burlile". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Angela Burlile
Program Coordinator & Field Instructor