

#### Application Related Information

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Application: Application Verified  
Grad Program Applying To: MES

Iteration Name: 202610\_GR\_G  
Program Name: MES

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By: Aaron Coby  
Recommenders Institution: Gray Harbor College  
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.  
Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓  
Received Date: 02/24/2025 02:30 PM  
Recommendation Type: General  
Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000121838871

Recommenders Title: Dean Of Arts, Sciences And Extended Learning  
Contact Name: Veronica Gudino Sandoval  
Recommendation Waiver Choice:  
Recommendation Status: Received  
Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant without reservation.  
Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation  
Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

#### Recommender Form Questions

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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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Description: Form URL: <https://evergreenstatecollege.radiu>

#### Other Information

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2/24/2025

Re: Veronica Sandoval, TESC recommendation

It is my pleasure to write this letter for Veronica Sandoval, and to enthusiastically recommend her to the graduate program in Environmental Studies at The Evergreen State College. I am currently the interim Vice President of Instruction at Grays Harbor College in Aberdeen, but before that I was a Professor of Biology & Environmental Studies, and the Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences at Saint Martin's University in Lacey, Washington. That is where I knew Ms. Sandoval as both a student and advisee (2021-2024).

Ms. Sandoval started at Saint Martin's University in the Fall of 2021. As a student she's studying Biology and Environmental Studies. These are subjects she is passionate about and you quickly understand that when you read any of her writings and review her academic profile. I had Veronica in my Climate Change class and was impressed with her insights into complex interdisciplinary issues surrounding climate policy. She brought intelligence, curiosity, and an obvious drive to understand to the class. She recognizes that engagement is the key to success. This is shown by her willingness to both ask questions and provide thoughtful insights during our discussions. Veronica easily navigates the scientific principles and social-political concepts. On her final she wrote, "...people who least contribute to climate change are the ones most affected by it, which is the reason that social justice and equitable changes are a MUST when trying to design and pave new solutions." It's this sort of critical thinking that will make a difference, and Veronica has the will and desire to do that.

Ms. Sandoval has expressed to me on several occasions her interest in being involved in field work that contributes to the sustainability and resilience of her local community. She has demonstrated on that interest as an intern with the local Stream Team, and restoration crew work as an Americorp (WA Conservation Corps) member. This is in addition to other community services projects that contribute to meaningful environmental action. Her pursuit of a Biology degree with an Environmental Studies minor provides her an excellent academic foundation for continued graduate work in Environmental Studies. She is a successful student who, I believe, will thrive in a rigorous graduate program.

In sum, I highly recommend Veronica Sandoval for inclusion into the TESC Environmental Studies graduate program. She has the skills, intelligence, independence and social competence needed to succeed. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

**Aaron Coby, Ph.D.** (he/him)

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