

Application Related Information

Application: Application Incomplete
Grad Program Applying To: MES

Iteration Name: 202610_GR_G
Program Name: MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Mary Jo Hartman
Recommenders Institution: Saint Martin's University
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.
Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommenders Title: Doctor
Contact Name: Kevin Jensen
Recommendation Waiver Choice:
Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 03/09/2025 01:26 PM
Recommendation Type: General
Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000121810955

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

Description Information

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Other Information

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February 2025

Re: Letter of recommendation for Kevin Jensen

A past student of mine, Kevin Jensen, received his B.S. degree in Environmental Studies from Saint Martin's University (SMU) in December 2023. He has requested a letter of recommendation for his application to the Master's program in Environmental Studies at Evergreen State College. I am happy to provide a letter for him.

I have known Kevin since January 2021 when he was enrolled in my BIO 310 Marine Biology w/ laboratory course. Kevin was also a student in my Spring 2022 BIO 314 Invertebrate Zoology w/ laboratory course and BIO 301 Biostatistics w/ laboratory course in Fall 2022. Kevin completed his B.S. degree in Environmental Studies in December 2023 and graduated from Saint Martin's University with a cumulative GPA of 3.38.

Saint Martin's University is a liberal arts college in Lacey, WA with most class sizes at 12-24 students. Professors also routinely teach both the lecture and laboratory for the upper division courses, so we get to know our students quite well. Kevin was a strong student in my courses interacting well with his peers and professors and earning grades of B+ and B- in the courses. Kevin often asked questions in class and lab that went beyond the material presented. He also was willing to put in the extra effort to complete his work and understand the material, which was especially apparent in the BIO 301 Biostatistics course. It was obvious from his coursework and participation in class that Kevin has a keen interest in environmental science and marine biology.

Kevin also has extensive research experience from working on several different projects. At South Puget Sound Community College he completed a water quality study of Puget Sound at Tolmie State Park with Professor Rushton. At SMU Kevin conducted his senior research project with Dr. Megan Friesen on the invasive clawed frog, *Xenopus laevis*. This was a collaborative research project with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife investigating the effects of *X. laevis* on endangered salmonids in Washington. Kevin continued his work over the 2023 summer with Dr. Friesen testing the feeding behaviors of larval salamanders on bullfrog tadpoles. Kevin has experience in data management, data analysis using R and Excel, animal care of fish, amphibians, and reptiles, and collaborative research. He works well with others and is willing to take constructive criticism in order to improve his work. These experiences helped him to develop his research skills and look forward to graduate school and other research opportunities.

I recommend Kevin Jensen to the Master's program in Environmental Studies at Evergreen State College. He has shown himself to be a thoughtful, dedicated, and responsible student who works well in a collaborative setting. I believe he will be a great addition to your program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Jo Hartman", with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

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