

Application Related Information

Application: Application Verified
Grad Program Applying To: MES

Iteration Name: 202610_GR_G
Program Name: MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Chrissy Roberts
Recommenders Institution: Brighton School
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.
Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommenders Title: STEAM Teacher
Contact Name: Elisha Klco
Recommendation Waiver Choice: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.
Recommendation Status: Received

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Recommendation Type: General
Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000118420532

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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To Whom It May Concern:

I was Elisha Klco's employer at Quiet Heart Wilderness School from Sept. 2018 to Aug. 2024 where she taught naturalist and survival skills to students ages 4 to adult. As a small business, we would frequently have morning check-in meetings. When asked how she was doing each morning, Elisha would inevitably respond, "I'm alive, alert, and enthusiastic!" This is exactly how Elisha approaches all things and why she makes an excellent candidate for the Master's program at Evergreen State College.

Elisha has deep and joyful appreciation for being alive and for life itself. She approaches her interactions with people from a place of empathy and caring. Her goal was always to try to connect with her students and colleagues, to understand where they were coming from and what they were dealing with. When Elisha sees a problem, she doesn't ignore it. She does what she can to find out more about it and try to solve it. As a small business owner, she was one of my most valuable employees due to this trait. I knew that I could count on her to get things done and, also, to ensure that all parties involved were comfortable with the solution, even if they might not have been getting exactly what they wanted. Elisha's environmental action stems too from this appreciation for life, including plants, animals, and other organisms in her ethic of care and problem solving. Elisha is most certainly always ALIVE.

Elisha has always been alert and curious about the world around her. Elisha was a student at Quiet Heart Wilderness School far before I became the owner. Legendary stories exist of Elisha as a young child being so curious about a topic that she would research it on her own, and, when she came back with the new information, the instructors would have her teach the whole group, sometimes with students far older than herself. Elisha is incredibly knowledgeable about so many organisms and systems in nature, as well as a variety of other topics. However, she does not rest on that knowledge. She understands there is always more to learn, and she is eager to not only learn more, but also share it with others. Every time I walk in the woods, I reflect on something that Elisha has taught me. At Evergreen State College, her ALERTness will impact everything she both gains and contributes to the Master's of Environmental Science program.

Finally, Elisha's enthusiasm permeates everything she does. To each situation, she brings dedication, motivation, perseverance, and most importantly, joy. Elisha wants this world to be a better place for people and for nature, and she wants to be part of the solution. Her enthusiasm and dedication lead her to finish her undergraduate degree in only three years, to be the youngest lead instructor Quiet Heart has ever had, and to pursue so many other learning opportunities that have come her way. It is her ENTHUSIASTIC approach to life that allows her to make the biggest impact on the community around her.

I highly recommend her for the Master's of Environmental Science program at the Evergreen State College (and frankly, think you are incredibly lucky to have her.)

Sincerely,
Chrissy Roberts, MEd
Former Owner of Quiet Heart Wilderness School
Current STEAM Teacher, K-5 at Brighton School