

Application Related Information

Application: Application Not Verified
Grad Program Applying To: MES

Iteration Name: 202610_GR_G
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Recommendation Information

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

Recommenders Title: Advisor
Contact Name: Tyler McGuire
Recommendation Waiver Choice:
Recommendation Status: Received

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Recommendation Type: General
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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:	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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November 2024

Re: Letter of recommendation for Tyler McGuire

A student of mine, Tyler McGuire, is currently completing his senior year at Saint Martin's University pursuing a B.S. degree in Environmental Studies. He has requested a letter of recommendation for his application to the Master's in Environmental Science program at Evergreen State College. I am happy to provide a letter for him.

I have known Tyler since August 2022 when he was enrolled in my ENV 110 Environmental Science w/ laboratory course at Saint Martin's University. Since that time Tyler has taken several courses from me; General Biology II lecture in Spring 2023, and BIO 358 General Ecology w/ laboratory in Fall 2023. Tyler is presently in two of my fall 2024 courses; BIO 359 Field Ecology w/ laboratory and BIO 301 Biostatistics. I have also served as Tyler's academic advisor where we meet each semester to discuss his class schedule, progress toward his degree and career aspirations. I know Tyler quite well.

Tyler has always been a pleasure to have in class and lab. He works well with his peers and his professors and is always willing to help in lab or in the field. Though I had Tyler as a student in two classes, Environmental Science and General Biology II, I saw a different Tyler in my BIO 358 General Ecology w/ lab course in Fall 2023. He was more focused and contributed more during lecture and lab, answering and asking questions. He earned a grade of B in the course and was one of the strongest students in the course. Tyler would often ask questions beyond the material and was especially interested in all things mycological; pointing out and identifying different fungi when the class was outside on fieldtrips.

This fall semester 2024 Tyler is one of the top students in both my BIO 301 Biostatistics and BIO 359 Field Ecology w/ laboratory courses. His mid-semester grades this semester in all of his classes were a mix of A, B+ and B. As an upperclassman Tyler seems more motivated and dedicated to his studies and to achieving high grades. I know he was dealing with some family issues during his grandmother's illness and death, which affected him greatly. I also think Tyler is more invested and interested in the topics in his ecology courses. He is also working on his senior research project on lichen diversity and is excited about his research. I believe his improved grades during his last two years at Saint Martin's University is a better indicator of his academic abilities.

Outside of the classroom and lab, Tyler has worked with JBLM (Joint Base Lewis-McChord) Fish and Wildlife Program during the summer of 2023 on multiple projects including controlled burns of scotch broom, animal surveys and surveying forests for endangered species. He plans to pursue an internship with them in the summer of 2024 as well. His passion is fieldwork and concern for the environment and he has had experience working with many experts in the field. These skills will serve him well as he pursues a graduate degree and a career in environmental science.

I strongly recommend Tyler to the MES program at Evergreen State College. Due to his most recent success in his upper division science courses at Saint Martin's University and his work at JBLM Fish and Wildlife, I believe he has the resolve and ability to excel in your graduate program. Tyler is committed to a career in helping to improve our environment. His care and concern, coupled with his abilities, will be an asset to the MES graduate program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MJ Hartman", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mary Jo Hartman, Ph.D.
Biology professor
Saint Martin's University