

Dear Members of the Admissions Committee,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of recommendation for Tyler McGuire in support of his application to the Master's of Environmental Science program at Evergreen State College. Tyler is currently a student in my year-long senior research class at Saint Martin's University, where I have had the privilege of witnessing his academic excellence, work ethic, and dedication to environmental research firsthand.

Tyler is a hardworking and highly motivated individual with a strong sense of responsibility and time management. His current research proposal exemplifies his ability to design meaningful studies, of which he will execute in Spring 2025. In his project, Tyler proposes to explore the identification of lichen species as bioindicators to assess and model the impact of pollution on species diversity in the Pacific Northwest. This project exemplifies his innovative thinking and ability to identify practical, locally relevant studies connected with global environmental challenges. His work demonstrates a deep understanding of ecological principles, a keen interest in the interplay between human activity and environmental health, and a commitment to addressing critical environmental challenges.

I am confident that Tyler's work ethic, creativity, and commitment to environmental stewardship will make him a valuable addition to Evergreen State College's Master's of Environmental Science program. He is an intellectually inquisitive student, and I wholeheartedly support his application and am excited to see the positive impact he will undoubtedly have on the field of environmental science.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at tdodson@stmartin.edu if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

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