

Application Related Information

Application:	Application Not Verified	Iteration Name:	202610_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To:	MES	Program Name:	MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By:	Barry Walker	Recommenders Title:	Lecturer
Recommenders Institution:	Washington State University	Contact Name:	Will Niskanen
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs:	I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.	Recommendation Waiver Choice:	
Recommendation Form Submitted:	✓	Recommendation Status:	Received
Received Date:	01/14/2025 12:30 PM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant without reservation.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000121622144	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

Description:	Form URL:	https://evergreenstatecollege.radius
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Other Information

Created Time:	01/12/2025 08:06 PM	Created By:	Josephine Bernier
Modified Time:	01/14/2025 12:30 PM	Modified By:	Josephine Bernier

To the Graduate Committee,

Jan 14, 2025

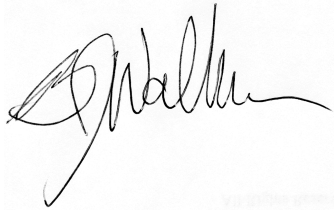
I am writing to fully recommend Will Niskanen to work as a graduate student at The Evergreen State College's Environmental Science program. I taught Will in the Introductory Geology and Oceanography courses (SOE101, SOE230) at WSU-Vancouver, in person, in 2023 and 2024.

Will is independent, curious, academically serious, intellectually ambitious, and hard working. He is friendly and helpful. As a student, he was attentive and eager to participate when appropriate. I frequently observed him assisting and/or working with other students. He is detail-oriented, and his quantitative and observational skills are excellent. I frequently spoke at length with Will after class and lab. He had (and has) a desire to work, and the quality of his work was always top tier. Will performed in the upper ~5% of the students in the two classes.

Will is capable of taking graduate level classes and directing his studies independently. I can recommend Will without reservation. He is dedicated, hardworking, and congenial. I believe he will be an asset to The Evergreen State College Environmental Science program.

Please let me know if there is any further information I can supply that will be helpful.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Walker", with a stylized flourish at the end. The signature is written on a light gray background.

Dr. Barry A. Walker, Jr.
Washington State University