Application Related Information

Application:	Application Not Verified	Iteration Name:	202610_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To:	MES	Program Name:	MES
Recommendation Information			
Recommended By:	Scott Pike	Recommenders Title:	Professor
Recommenders Institution:	Willamette University	Contact Name:	Dominic Renberger
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Recommendation Form Submitted:	\checkmark	Recommendation Status:	Received
Received Date:	12/26/2024 05:11 PM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000121414020	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 rigourous 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:	
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December 26, 2024

Graduate Admissions Evergreen State College

Re: Recommendation Letter for Dominic Renberger

To the Graduate Admissions,

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Dominic Renberger, an applicant to the Master of Science program in Environmental Science at Evergreen State College. As Dominic's academic advisor during his pursuit of a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science at Willamette University, I had the opportunity to observe his academic growth and development. Additionally, Dominic was a student in several of my courses, including ENVS 121 Earth System Science, ENVS 345 Aerial Methods in Field Research, and ENVS 391 Research in Geoarchaeology. These experiences have given me a thorough understanding of Dominic's potential to excel in advanced graduate studies, as well as his intellectual independence, analytical thinking skills, and ability to communicate ideas effectively.

Dominic is an intelligent and driven individual whose academic journey has been marked by consistently strong performance, active engagement, and a genuine passion for learning. Throughout his undergraduate career, Dominic demonstrated maturity, responsibility, and a commitment to intellectual exploration. During our advising conversations, Dominic expressed his aspirations in environmental science, focusing on aligning his work with values of making meaningful community contributions, achieving tangible outcomes, and inspiring others.

In his final year at Willamette, Dominic collaborated with Dr. David Craig on a research project investigating the campus ecology related to oak trees. He utilized the skills acquired in my Aerial Methods course to fly a drone, capturing detailed measurements of threatened oak trees. This was particularly impressive given Willamette's location within restricted airspace, requiring Dominic to coordinate permissions with the FAA. His ability to integrate coursework and skills from various disciplines into a complex research project reflects his enthusiasm for multidisciplinary approaches and innovative thinking. Dominic is not solely concerned with academic performance but with applying new techniques and knowledge to broader scientific challenges.

Since graduating, Dominic has secured meaningful employment but continues to feel a deep connection to the academic environment. His determination to return to graduate studies is evident

in the effort he has made, including traveling from Washington to Salem to meet with me and other mentors about the graduate application process. Dominic's proactive approach, combined with his analytical and communication skills, positions him as an excellent candidate for your program. I am confident he has the tools and perseverance to succeed in graduate studies and make valuable contributions to the field of environmental science.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding Dominic's application.

All the best,

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