

Application Related Information

Application: Application Verified
Grad Program Applying To: MES

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Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Adam Santavy
Recommenders Institution: Kent State University
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Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommenders Title: Academic Advisor
Contact Name: Ariana Sims
Recommendation Waiver Choice:
Recommendation Status: Received

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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:

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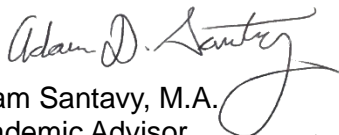
To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter of recommendation to strongly support Ariana Sims's candidacy for the Master of Environmental Studies program at the Evergreen State College. I have known Ariana for three academic semesters as her academic advisor in the Honors College at Kent State University. In this time, I have helped Ariana gain a deeper understanding of her path to and after graduation. Ariana was placed on honors probation due to a couple of busy and personally rough semesters resulting in her falling behind in her minimum progression toward earning required honors credits. When we met in Fall 23, we worked to identify options to get caught back up. She doubled up with honors experiences in Spring 24 and she secured an internship at Seney National Wildlife Refuge over the summer. Ariana is a determined, hard-working person. She managed to get caught up with her honors hours in two semesters putting her back in good standing.

Ariana is very passionate about the environment and wildlife. Her passion is quite evident when we meet for advising each semester, she always has some new update to share with me whether it's a new experience in the field, what she is learning in class, or a refined list of what she wants to do post-graduation. She is always asking me how honors experiences can line up with wildlife and forestry. She has quite the tenacious spirit and does not give up. She flourishes most when in the field as evidenced by her experiences at Seney National Wildlife Refuge, Governors' Island Youth internship, river testing, and volunteering at the Maryland Zoo. She knows the why behind what drives her toward her goals. No strong candidate is not without their areas for improvement. An area for improvement for Ariana is putting into action the what/how. She is able to identify a problem and the importance of why, but at times needs guidance executing the what/how to reach the solution. In these times she has relied on her peers, the curriculum, instructors, and additional resources to inform the what/how.

I would rate Ariana's academic performance as above average when compared to her peers. As a student in the Honors College her courses have been more rigorous and enriched compared to the typical road map and standard curriculum. Some of her notable honor's work includes her project based around the book Smart Transport for Cities and Nations: The Rise of Self-Driving and Connected Vehicles. Her project examined both the positive and negative aspects of using smart transport in urban and rural centers. In another honors course, she wrote a 10-page position paper supporting the US Environmental policy that covered climate change mitigation and adaptation of the Paris Agreement. Her paper examined the negative aspects and deficiencies of the policy agreement and compared them to other policies in the differing levels of effectiveness. In summation, Ariana is not afraid to take risks nor to fail; failure leads to success. I wholeheartedly support and recommend Ariana's candidacy to the Master of Environmental Studies program at the Evergreen State College.

Best Regards,



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