Application Related Information

Application:	Application Verified	Iteration Name:	202610_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To:	MES	Program Name:	MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By:	David Kaplan	Recommenders Title:	Professor of Geography
Recommenders Institution:	Kent State University	Contact Name:	Ariana Sims
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:	11/15/2024 10:40 AM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000121067474	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:	

Description Information

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Other Information

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November 15, 2024

Dear Members of the Graduate Committee:

I would like to write a letter of reference for Ariana Sims who is applying for the Masters in Environmental Science at Evergreen State College. Ariana has been an Environmental Studies student for the entirety of her college career and, as I direct this program, I have come to know her well. She is an intelligent and thoughtful student who has done well in all of her courses in Environmental Studies and at Kent State in general.

I have had Ariana in three courses. Ariana took my Urban Transportation course, with a thoughtful final paper on human-animal collisions. In this paper, she provided good sources for her points and presented these logically. The paper was well written and clearly presented. Ariana also presented an honors paper in the class on the future of smart transportation and self-driving cars. Ariana was in my Career Pathways class last spring and asked many helpful questions there.

My best experience with Ariana as a student came when she took the Environmental Studies and Sustainability class from me in Fall 2023. This is a course which involved students discussing readings each week, writing up reactions before class time and writing three reflective essays. In this class, I could always count on Ariana to provide more thoughtful responses to my questions. Her reflective essays were creative, insightful, and some of the best in the class. She was always good at thinking outside the box.

I have enjoyed developing the environmental studies program at Kent State, and students like Ariana Sims are the main reason why. She is a strong student who is passionate about the environment. She is also quite serious about her education and has expressed to me many times her desire to continue in graduate school. Given her interests, a solid Environmental Science Masters program will be just the right fit for her, and I believe you will benefit greatly in having an exceptional student like Ariana Sims.

I am happy to answer any additional questions over email or in a phone call.

Best,

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