

Application Related Information

Application: Application Verified
Grad Program Applying To: MES

Iteration Name: 202610_GR_G
Program Name: MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By:	Chelsea Leven	Recommenders Title:	Education Manager - Science Lead
Recommenders Institution:	NatureBridge, Olympic	Contact Name:	Madeleine Yates
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:	03/09/2025 03:02 PM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant without reservation.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000121885499	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>

Other Information

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Dear Evergreen Graduate Admissions,

With deep enthusiasm I recommend Made Yates for your Master's program in Environmental Studies. I have worked with Made since early 2023 and became their supervisor in 2024. Since that time, we have repeatedly discussed their desire to attend graduate school, and I have been impressed with the deliberate and discerning manner in which they have sought programs and advisors. While I will be disappointed to lose Made from our staff, I have full confidence in their skillful communication, critical thinking, and capable data analysis and interpretation.

At NatureBridge, I am repeatedly grateful for the scientific thinking, initiative, and positive attitude that Made brings to our team. I am our campus Science Lead, and I have been impressed with scientific insight Made has contributed to our programming. One example was their critical look at what comprises a good hypothesis and how we can better teach this to our students, resulting in improvements to our science lessons. Our organization also collaborates with NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) to collect data for a Community and Citizen Science project in support of Elwha River restoration. Made has been instrumental in improving the research protocols and taken leadership in demonstrating to colleagues how to conduct this project with students.

Made also has experience in research design, analytic tools, field work, and restoration principles. This experience proves useful across our various fields of study, both with students and with educators who approach Made with questions. I witness Made eager to share their knowledge with others in a manner that is both humble and confident, as well as curious and inclusive. As a scientist and educator myself, I posit that these are traits that will benefit any research team and academic institution.

As a manager, I appreciate qualities that Made brings to the team that are not science-specific. Made is organized and efficient. They finish tasks. Made is also extremely creative, and this creativity spills in delightful and surprising ways into the teaching, research, and miscellany duties of our nonprofit. They are eager for opportunities for personal and professional growth. Additionally, they are good-humored and compassionate, traits which have broad consequences: For example, Made builds camaraderie among colleagues, and Made recognizes and thinks critically about real-world complexity in scientific arenas and research.

I suspect your only regret in accepting Made to your program will be losing their presence after graduation! I hope that they will receive full consideration for their desired field of study and funding opportunities. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Chelsea Leven

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