

Application Related Information

Application: Application Incomplete
Grad Program Applying To: MIT

Iteration Name: 202330_GR_G
Program Name: MIT

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Sandra Yannone
Recommenders Institution: The Evergreen State College

Recommenders Title: Writing Center Director

Contact Name: Eula Arn

Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.

Recommendation Waiver Choice:

Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommendation Status: Received

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Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant without reservation.

Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000108018991

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

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Other Information

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Dear Colleagues:

I am writing with pleasure again to recommend a former employee of the Writing Center for the MIT program. I have known Dawn Arn since she first enrolled in the tutor training course, Cultivating Voice, in the spring of 2018. That year's class was quite large, and I hired Dawn without reservation in an extremely competitive pool of candidates. What I was struck with then, her passion and sheer enthusiasm for writing and editing, continued throughout the two years she was on our staff. She brought an unparalleled inquisitiveness, thoughtfulness, and thoroughness to all of her work.

As a tutor Dawn excelled at listening to writers' questions, encouraging each writer to push through self-imposed barriers to gaining writing confidence and fluency. She was a direct and self-assured tutor, and because she exuded such an engaged presence, Dawn helped model a space where student voices could emerge and flourish.

In addition to her tutoring, Dawn proved an asset to our staff. She focused on supporting writers with their grammar development and co-facilitated several workshops. During her final year, she was an exceptional mentor for our newest peer writing tutors. She served as a resource tutor during each spring when prospective tutors were doing practicums in the Center. I appreciated seeing her develop into these leadership roles,

Dawn is certainly suited to the rigors of graduate school and a life devoted to teaching. She studied composition theory and practice in Cultivating Voice. Dawn also was passionate about viewing this work through an equity lens and often initiated discussions about the impacts of oppression on writers' self-efficacy. She worked to develop strategies to counterbalance imposing narratives that shut writers down, and she was always eager to bring this work to the forefront in our staff development meetings. Her work in the Writing Center demanded that she challenge her own notions of teaching and develop a philosophy about what it means to support others as they navigate their own learning process.

Dawn has chosen Evergreen's MIT program because she believes it best matches her aspirations to learn and serve. She is well positioned to advance further equity and inclusion work in the K-12 system due to her work as a student employee at the Writing Center. She also comes from a family of teachers. I hope you will choose her as a member of the next entering cohort. Please feel free to contact me should you have any additional questions regarding Dawn's application to the program.

Respectfully Yours, .

Sandra L. Yannone, MFA, PhD
Director of the Writing Center and Member of the Faculty