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The Evergreen State College
Graduate Studies
2700 Evergreen Pkwy NW, Olympia, WA 98505

To The Evergreen State College Graduate Studies Staff & Faculty:

I am honored to offer a recommendation for Isabel Duxbury, a candidate for admission to the Master in Teaching Graduate Program. As an educator in our science-based enrichment programs for school-age youth for the past several years, Isabel is ideally positioned to leverage an innovative graduate program experience in creating a fruitful career as a classroom teacher.

What exactly do I mean by all those wonderful-sounding words?

It's simple: Isabel has the professional, educational, and life experience necessary to fully embrace, appreciate, and succeed in a graduate program in teaching. And she has the dedication and diligence to subsequently utilize the tools and knowledge gained for the benefit of students in a classroom setting. That she has chosen to apply to the Evergreen State College is a testament to her trailblazing, independent-thinking, resourceful, and creative nature. I whole-heartedly applaud for this.

My primary experience with Isabel is in the professional realm. As one of our lead educators, Isabel was responsible not only for delivering the nature-based programs that our nonprofit organization provides for students from highly diverse backgrounds, she also conducted independent research, developed and tested new curricula, participated in evaluations of our program content and methodologies, liaised with community and government agency partners, helped onboard new staff members and interns, supported the socio-emotional wellness of our program participants, and was part of a leadership team that often had to make good decisions quickly in response to the changing environmental factors that are invariably a part of outdoor education.

In short, she's already had significant, successful experience as an educator and this, along with her integrity, commitment level, and outside-the-box thinking, will ensure her success in your program.

Please feel free to contact me if you'd like additional information about Isabel's accomplishments or the personal and professional qualities she demonstrated during her tenure with Straub Outdoors.

Kind regards,

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