

Application Related Information

Application:	Application Verified	Iteration Name:	202330_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To:	MIT	Program Name:	MIT

Recommendation Information

Recommended By:	Nathan Sivers-Boyce	Recommenders Title:	Associate Professor of Economics
Recommenders Institution:	Willamette University	Contact Name:	Isabel Duxbury
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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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The Evergreen State College
Masters in Teaching

To whom it may concern,

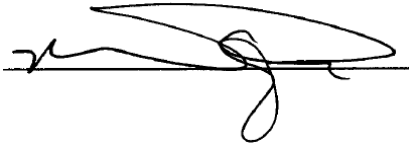
I am delighted to write this letter in support of Isabel Duxbury's application to the Masters in Teaching program at the Evergreen State College! I have gotten to know Isabel well over the last three years in classes and as her academic advisor. She is an excellent student. I have no doubt that she will succeed in your program and become an outstanding teacher.

I would put Isabel in the top 15% of roughly 800 economics majors I have worked with in twenty years at Willamette. We met in the Fall of 2019 when she took my Microeconomic Theory class. Isabel was a delight in the classroom from the very beginning, always prepared with thoughtful questions. She has excellent abstract reasoning skills, is able to deconstruct complex arguments to identify their key assumptions and thoughtfully evaluate them. I worked with Isabel again in Capstone to Economic Inquiry. Her work confirmed my earlier impressions about her intellectual capabilities and made me aware for the first time of what a good writer she is. In that course, students work on two research projects. The first is a collective project in which students all read and discuss the same set of papers, and the second is an independent project. This is typically students' first experience reading professional journal articles, and it is a challenge for them to read and analyze the papers. Isabel was a real leader in class discussions, consistently able to parse the technical analyses well enough to think critically about what questions they answered and how well. And her papers were both strong. She is unusually good at communicating complex ideas simply and persuasively, weaving them together into a nuanced argument of her own. All of these attributes will help her excel in your program and as a teacher.

I came to admire and respect Isabel outside the classroom, too. She is soft spoken, friendly, engaging and considerate. She was a member of the Willamette soccer team all four years. I had the opportunity to work with several of her teammates, and when her name came up in conversation, they uniformly spoke about her with appreciation and admiration. It was always clear that they considered her to be a team leader and appreciated the kind of atmosphere and connection she sought to foster. She has such a deft touch working with her peers that I asked to work as a kind of ambassador for our program, meeting with prospective students to explain the opportunities and challenges of the Economics major. She was outstanding.

In sum, I recommend Isabel to you in the highest possible terms! She has the intellectual ability and interpersonal skills to become an excellent teacher, and I cannot imagine anyone I would rather see in that role. I hope you will admit her for study next fall; I certainly would.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nathan Sivers Boyce', written over a horizontal line.

Nathan Sivers Boyce
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