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To the Members of the MIT Admissions Committee,

I am delighted to recommend Dalton Elliott to you in his application for enrollment to the Masters-in-Teaching program. Dalton is someone I've known and worked with for—alas!—just one quarter in my full-time program at Evergreen titled “Slavic, Celtic, and Hellenic Folklore.” I would have loved to have worked with him from the beginning of his college work because he is that good. As a dedicated student with excellent attendance, Dalton was always prepared with a comment or question, and frequently offered ideas or perspectives that broadened the class discussion. It was always a bonus to have him in class because of the strength of these comments. Because the class frequently divided into small groups for discussion, he was been able to thrive in both a seminar and a lecture format, and to get important points across.

Confidence is a strength in Dalton's intellectual conversations, and it allowed him some excellent opportunities to form his ideas and statements when multiple points of view were being discussed and taken into consideration. I was particularly pleased about the times that he kindly helped to clarify a concept and share ideas with his classmates; it bodes well for his future work as a teacher.

I am convinced that Dalton will have no difficulty in successfully completing his work in the MIT program. He can focus, take direction, be the lead in a play or the behind-the-scenes person, and he is *versatile*. I have absolutely no hesitation about his ability to thrive in your program. His writing included first-rate examples, thematic breadth, and the willingness to explore ideas that were new to him. The high quality of work that Dalton did during spring term is worthy of pride! These skills will serve him well precisely because he can work independently, listen closely to other people's ideas, and do what he needs to do without having someone hold his hand.

Please call me at 360-867-6623 or contact me by e-mail at [williams@evergreen.edu](mailto:williams@evergreen.edu) if you have any questions about Dalton or the quality of his work.

Sincerely,

Sean Williams, Member of the Faculty