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MiT Program
The Evergreen State College
2700 Evergreen Parkway NW
Olympia, WA 98502

Dear Selection Committee:

It is an honor and pleasure to recommend Jackie Robinson for admission to Evergreen's Master in Teaching (MiT) program. I have known Jackie since he first arrived at Evergreen in the fall of 2000 as a transfer student. Jackie is a person of high integrity, is very insightful, and is a natural teacher.

As you review his application materials, you'll see that Jackie has worked with school-age individuals either in the classroom, as a counselor, or as a coach since he graduated from Evergreen. He has great rapport with students and adults alike and develops meaningful connections and relationships with students, parents and colleagues. As a coach Jackie is interested in more than teaching his players the skills to be a successful basketball player and team. He is committed to the social and moral development of his players and helping them grow and improve as individuals and engaged citizens. I have not had the opportunity to observe Jackie's work at Olympia High School or in a classroom setting but I imagine that this work is infused with these same values. It's who he is.

As an undergraduate student Jackie was an active participant in First Peoples' Advising Services program, which I directed at that time. Since then, Jackie and I have kept in touch and what was an advisor-advisee relationship has evolved into a life-long mentoring relationship and friendship. It has been very rewarding to have him back on campus as the women's head basketball coach and counselor with the TRIO student support services program.

I highly recommend Jackie for admission to the MiT program as he poses all the qualities of a top applicant. Please contact me if you need additional information regarding Jackie's candidacy and qualifications.

Warm regards,

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