

Application Related Information

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Recommendation Information

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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:

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The Evergreen State College,

I am honored to strongly recommend Clara Scott as a future Masters in Teaching student. Clara will not only be an exceptional student, but she will make the overall program and the experiences of the other students significantly better.

Here is a brief background of Clara that pertains to my recommendation. She has been a Physicians Assistant in pediatrics, a middle school and high school math tutor, substitute teacher and an Army spouse who supported Army families for decades.

Additionally, a bit about me and my qualifications to make this recommendation. I honorably retired from the Army after 21 years of service where I trained and assessed thousands of Soldiers and leaders over my career. I have a Bachelors in International Studies and a Bachelors in Web Development. I have a Masters in Organizational Leadership and Masters in Organizational Planning. I have earned my national C License in Soccer Coaching and have coached youth soccer for over 8 years.

I have been blessed to know Clara for a few years. I met her while I was coaching several youth soccer teams in the Lacey area. She became closely associated with two of my teams which were a men's high school age team and women's high school age team. Though her sons were not on these teams she volunteered much of her time and became to a certain extent an informal mentor and advisor of the teams.

A beautiful example of her mentorship was when she hosted a careers dinner at her house for the players on the teams. She discovered what careers the players were interested in and coordinated for friends of hers in that career field to share in the dinner. It was a very meaningful night for those players and especially for the players she directly mentored. There were two exceptional young ladies who were interested in the medical career field. They spent a great deal of time talking with Clara and learning from her.

Clara has a true gift for mentoring young adults. The foundation of this gift is her love and caring for people. Her love of people deeply shapes the way she listens. When Clara listens to people she listens with her powerful intellect and her deep empathy. She hears what the young adult is and is not saying. She understands their thoughts and feelings. With her extensive background in pediatric medicine, tutoring, child development and many other aspects of teaching and mentoring, she is able to immediately respond in a way that makes the person feel heard and respected. With that trust built, she is then able to bring up and work through difficult issues. Over and over again, I have seen people walk away from their conversations with Clara inspired and focused on achieving their goals. It is not an understatement to say that often her conversations with people are life changing.

Another area where Clara is particularly gifted is her interpersonal multi-cultural skills. Having spent decades within the military community, she has worked with adults and kids from all backgrounds and walks of life. This has included helping kids and adults deal with deep trauma such separation from parents, injury, or death of a loved one, stress of dealing with the deployment of a loved one, and many other challenges. She has done all of this as she was having to deal with the same kind of challenges. Clara has a life- long history of supporting other people while juggling countless tasks and stressors and

doing it all with a deep calm. As I mentioned before, her inner calm no matter the environmental stressor, is critical to her incredible ability to listen, support, and mentor young adults and adults.

The last area I would like to address is Clara's ability to teach. As an experienced Physician's Assistant, she is incredibly knowledgeable on the scientific side of soccer fitness and injuries. I have spent countless hours learning from her the best way for me to develop a soccer training program to achieve maximum fitness with minimum injuries. This has been incredibly valuable to me as someone with no background in physiology or formal training in sports fitness. Clara would not just enable me to figure out the best solution to our fitness and injury challenges, but she ensured I understood why this was the case. She would get into the scientific reasoning behind the answer and explain it to me in a way I could understand it. Proof of that for me was when I was able to explain to my soccer teams why we were training the way we were training. Her future students will be getting a teacher or professor who is gifted at making complexity understandable.

Clara Scott improves every organization she is with. Not only does the organization perform better, but she helps every person she works with grow into their better selves. Clara would be an exceptional student at The Evergreen State College and she would empower everyone around her to grow and succeed. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to assist. Thank you.

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