

Application Related Information

Application:	Application Not Verified	Iteration Name:	202540_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To:	MIT	Program Name:	MIT

Recommendation Information

Recommended By:	Dr. Mark Bjelland	Recommenders Title:	Professor of Geography
Recommenders Institution:	Calvin University	Contact Name:	Kyle Bradshaw
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs:	I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.	Recommendation Waiver Choice:	
Recommendation Form Submitted:	✓	Recommendation Status:	Received
Received Date:	11/07/2024 04:06 AM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant without reservation.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000121042884	Recommendation Owner:	Josephine Bernier

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

Description:	Form URL:	https://evergreenstatecollege.radius
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Other Information

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November 7, 2024

Dear Admissions Committee,

I am pleased to offer this recommendation on behalf of Kyle Bradshaw who is applying for your graduate teacher education program. I feel qualified to speak to Mr. Bradshaw's qualifications as I was his professor at Calvin University for three geography courses. Plus, I was the leader of a 3-week interim travel course to Hawaii that he participated in. On that trip, I got to see how he handled stressful outdoor adventure and group travel experiences.

At Calvin University, Kyle Bradshaw had leadership roles in a number of student groups and was a beloved geography major. In the three courses he took with me, he did excellent work and earned A's where the median grades were a B/B+. Kyle Bradshaw was a model student and often made insightful class contributions. He was the type of student who would stay after class to ask questions and probe further. For his geography major he took introductory and advanced courses in human, urban, and world regional geography as well as courses dealing with human impacts on the environment and climate change. This gives him broad content knowledge for teaching a wide variety of subjects.

I am confident that Kyle Bradshaw will make an excellent classroom teacher. Kyle has strong interpersonal skills and is good at welcoming people and listening to their concerns. I got to witness his maturity and interpersonal skills as he conducted an independent senior research project. For that project he had to cold call non-profit groups and set up and conduct focus group meetings with rooms of strangers. I watched him present his research results to the community and observed his excellent communication skills and ability to connect with a diverse audience. Kyle Bradshaw has always wanted to use his gifts to improve the lives of others and this career choice is a great fit. He will make an excellent educator and I wholeheartedly recommend him to you.

Sincerely,



Mark D. Bjelland