

Application Related Information

Application: Application Incomplete
Grad Program Applying To: MIT

Iteration Name: 202540_GR_G
Program Name: MIT

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Angela Broeker
Recommenders Institution: Western Washington University

Recommenders Title: Director of Choral Studies
Contact Name: John Kauffman

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: 10/20/2024 09:32 PM

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant without reservation.

Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000120496516

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

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Other Information

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October 12, 2024

It is my honor to recommend John Kauffman for the teacher certification program at Evergreen State College. John was my student for five years at Western Washington University. He was in my academic choir every quarter during his time here; I saw him in class every single day. In addition, he frequently served on the board for various choirs, so I observed him in this capacity during weekly board meetings. In every interaction with John over the past five years, I found him to be responsible, respectful, inquisitive, and always concerned about the wellbeing of others. I can't imagine a person better suited to work with young people in an educational setting.

John's (JC's) intellectual abilities are excellent. Throughout his rigorous coursework, JC not only excelled but handled this work and the additional stress of his employment and leadership roles with aplomb. In the five years I've known JC, I've observed him as the proverbial sponge, taking every opportunity to receive and integrate new knowledge into already deep understandings of many subjects, especially history. His enthusiasm about this subject is infectious, another sure sign of his potential success in a public school classroom.

JC attended all classes, arrived on time, turned in work in a timely manner, and worked independently to master the material so that he could be a leader in the classroom. He often stopped by during office hours to chat about his vocal progress or about a piece we were performing. It is common for JC to want to go deeper into the subject matter. He was fascinated by the choral pedagogy displayed during rehearsal; we often chatted about application of these techniques to other subjects.

Above all else, I must share about JC's dedication to service and caring for others, especially those who are marginalized. It was JC who suggested projects for our choir to do in the community such as singing at assisted care facilities. It was JC who reached out to every single person in our organization to make sure they felt seen and valued for who they are as well as their contributions to our organization. It was JC who was quick to call out injustices and work proactively to find solutions. He will be sorely missed at this institution, but I am excited to watch his career unfold in the classroom and to observe the positive impact he will have there.

His colleagues and professors have benefited greatly from JC's presence as I'm sure will be the case at Evergreen State and beyond. I give him my highest recommendation and invite you to contact me to further discuss his strengths.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Angela Kasper". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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