

Endorsement Checklist Essay - Kamal Simmons

For as long as I can recall, I have had three passions: Numbers, music, and the sharing of knowledge. I learned the magic of numbers young, programming simple video games in middle school and even being featured in a [major programming company's blog](#) before I hit 10th grade. My love for music came next, with me learning guitar, multi percussion, and a great deal of other instruments.

My love for the sharing of knowledge, however, has been a constant in my life. For example, inspired by Japanese exchange students that we hosted when I was young, I learned Japanese in early high school and taught bits and pieces of the language to a great number of people I knew. During the Covid-19 pandemic, and afterwards, I taught my younger brothers mathematics, the subject that they were struggling with the most. And when a teacher for the Freedom Farm was home sick with their family, I led mathematics class with the biggest smile on my face.

Now, it is time for me to carry that love and proficiency into the world. With a score of 259 on the NES 203, my skill in Middle Level Mathematics is safely within Washington State's standards for educators. But with this being said, I know that there is always room to grow. During my time at Evergreen, I plan to take additional classes to deepen my knowledge of mathematics,

focusing on programming, statistics, and analytical geometry. While I have programmed for many hundreds of hours, I have seldom done so recently, and much has likely changed. Additionally, I have always cherished statistics for their contributions in financial management, social justice, and more. Taking these classes will directly contribute to my success, both as an educator as well as in my personal life.

With these classes under my belt, and educational experiences from Evergreen's MiT program, I will be fully prepared to share my gifts with the world.