

#### Application Related Information

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Application:	Application Verified	Iteration Name:	202540_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To:	MIT	Program Name:	MIT

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By:	Alysa Adams	Recommenders Title:	Parks Interpretive Specialist 2
Recommenders Institution:	Washington State Parks	Contact Name:	Molly Yoder
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:	10/14/2024 04:29 PM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant without reservation.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000119742514	Recommendation Owner:	Josephine Bernier

#### Recommender Form Questions

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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 14, 2024

Dear Master's in Teaching Program acceptance committee,

I am pleased to write a letter of recommendation for Noe Yoder. I highly recommend Noe for your Master's in Teaching Program at the Evergreen State College. During her employment as a Parks Interpretive Assistant in 2022, I supervised her and can speak directly to her applicable experiences.

Noe Originally applied to our Interpretive Naturalist Internship program, but upon interviewing her we determined she was highly skilled and motivated, and instead offered her a paid position with Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. She worked with us from June-December, the first interpretive assistant we've hired at the Mount St. Helens Visitor Center. She excelled in her role, bringing a sense of curiosity and determination to the position, redefining what was possible and expanding opportunities. During her time with us she researched, designed, and developed numerous educational programs for the public, delivering them throughout the summer season. This included weekend evening programs in the campground and daily Mount St. Helens programs at the Visitor Center. Her audiences were diverse, including youth, students, families, senior tour groups, and international travelers. During the school season she also supported our efforts to provide curriculum-focused lessons to each classroom visiting our park.

In addition to Interpretive programming, Noe was also responsible for staffing the information desk. This entailed pledging in Junior Geologists, providing trip planning advice, orientation services, disseminating information about the local area, and answering endless visitor questions. Noe performed exceptionally, harnessing patience, remarkable customer service skills, superior communication with a gentle tone, and humor. Noe was quiet with a surprising, delightful charm. She was capable and accepted each task with enthusiasm to learn and grow. Her skills aligned well with the needs of our park, and she was both dependable and trustworthy.

Noe is a bright young woman, and we would have absolutely hired her on permanently if given the opportunity. We've enjoyed staying in touch with her and welcome the thought of her returning to western Washington. I had the pleasure of observing Noe in action, forming memorable connections with our visitors and instilling a sense of stewardship into future generations. She is a gifted naturalist, forging a delicate balance between education and play and facilitating meaningful environmental experiences. I absolutely recommend her and look forward to watching her career blossom. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Warmly,



Alysa Adams

Parks Interpretive Specialist 2

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