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NEW STUDENT ID: A00428939

Dear Holly,

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you, upon recommendation by the Graduate Program on the Environment Admissions Committee, that you have been accepted into the Fall 2020 cohort for the Master of Environmental Studies (MES) degree at The Evergreen State College. I hope you are able to join us!

Important notifications from the college and MES will be sent to your Evergreen email address periodically, so be sure to set it up immediately and check it regularly. Directions are enclosed. Starting now, we will send out paid internships, jobs, and other opportunities for MES students to your Evergreen email address. Please also keep your mailing address updated by contacting Graduate Admissions: graduateadmissions@evergreen.edu or 360-867-6856.

As a new MES student, you are required to enroll in the first MES core class: graduate Conceptualizing our Regional Environment, or gCORE. All core courses are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-10pm. If you intend to finish in two years, you should also take an elective course along with gCORE. To see more information on our courses, including faculty contact information, please review the MES online catalog at evergreen.edu/catalog/grad/mes.

Fall registration is currently open! You will be able to register for gCORE and an elective of your choice through your my.evergreen student account, once it's setup. To see the courses offered, go to evergreen.edu/catalog/grad/mes. If you have any questions about this process, please reach out to MES Assistant Director Averil Azar at averil.a.azar@evergreen.edu.

This year, the Fall quarter starts on September 29th. We will hold a mandatory orientation on Monday, September 21st, 2020 from 9am-5pm. All new students are required to participate. Please find attached in your admissions email, your Orientation Agenda with zoom meeting invitation, the Orientation seminar reading, *Victor and the Fish*, and an additional documentation entitled, *What are Seminars*. We will ask that you come prepared to Orientation having read this short story, *Victor and the Fish*.

If you applied for Financial Aid by completing your FAFSA, you will be able to review and accept your financial aid award through your my.evergreen.edu student portal. If you have not completed your 2020-2021 FAFSA, please do so immediately so that the Financial Aid office may review your application for eligibility. Loan awards, tuition waivers, and Evergreen Need Grants (residents only) will be sent to you by the Financial Aid office. Go to fafsa.ed.gov to apply.

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If you wish to accept this offer of admission, please promptly inform Averil Azar, the MES Assistant Director, by emailing averil.a.azar@evergreen.edu. Enclosed are directions to pay your tuition deposit. This non-refundable \$100.00 deposit reserves your space in the program. If you cannot accept this offer of admission, please email graduateadmissions@evergreen.edu to confirm your admissions decision in writing as soon as possible.

We are excited to meet you and share more about the program. We select the incoming cohort of 45 students with considerable care. We hope this opportunity to participate in our program will be meaningful to you. You will be part of a diverse, capable, and dedicated group of people. Please contact me or Averil Azar if you have any further questions. The MES faculty and staff look forward to having you join us this September.

Sincerely,

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