

Master of Public Administration – Tribal Governance

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Dear Hiring Committee,

I have the pleasure of knowing Kathy Jordon-Brenner for the past couple of years; she is a graduate student in our MPA-Tribal Governance Concentration who will be graduating this spring. She is a good student, attends all of her classes, and is enthusiastic in learning the interconnectedness among tribal, city/county, and federal agencies. Insomuch, she has chosen to take elective courses in the field of law, policy, and strategies & national security; courses which are outside of our focus of the concentration. Kathy entered into our tribal cohort among twenty-six other colleagues, she works effectively with our diverse academic community many who enter from at least twenty-two different tribal/indigenous backgrounds. She is respectful of people’s differences and acknowledges the importance of each valuable contribution to the class, requiring sensitivity and respect for all members of this community.

Kathy is willing to invest in training necessary to become a successful team member to any agency or organization. What she doesn’t know she is willing to seek out remedies or solutions for a sustainable outcome. If allowed the opportunity Kathy will demonstrate her abilities and work towards improving a structure for ease in future engagements.

Please contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or comments I would be happy to talk with in person.

*Respectfully yours,*

*Puanani Nihoa*

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