**MPA 2016 New Student Orientation Evaluation Results**

**(Questions 1 & 2 “About You”)**

1. **Was Evergreen your first choice as a graduate school? If no, please write in your first choice. If Evergreen was your only choice, why was it your only choice?**
2. Yes, only choice. Coming to Evergreen to complete my undergrad degree was life changing. I could never go back to a traditional model of school.
3. Yes. After completing BA did not want to Evergreen experience to be over
4. UW-Evans—Evans had a reputation for providing more finance and budgeting preparation
5. Yes
6. First choice because it was paid for by the college
7. Sort of, there were equal (really) hard choices. The other was Brown University where I was also admitted-MPH program.
8. It was my only choice
9. Yes
10. Evergreen was my only choice. Admiration of the program, location and cost were why I chose it.
11. Yes and only choice. I attempted a community college for first 2 years and then TESC for jr & sr undergrad. I absolutely fell in love with the collaborative learning communities, seminars and student led classes
12. Yes, because it fit into my life and met my needs for a graduate program. I didn’t apply to any other schools or programs.
13. Evergreen was my first choice
14. I actually applied to San Francisco State University before applying to Evergreen.
15. Prescott
16. Yes, I did my undergrad at Evergreen.
17. Yes, it was
18. Evergreen was my only choice because of cos, proximity to home/work and everyone I spoke to about TESC MPA loved it.
19. Yes
20. Yes, first and only choice. Evergreen employee.
21. Yes, Evergreen was nearby and had a program I liked
22. As an Evergreen undergrad I gained a deep appreciation of the depths of knowledge and critical perspective that this school provides. When looking to further my education to gain the tools of governance, I wanted to be sure that the lessons I learned would be grounded in an environment that fosters activism and ignites the fires that drive positive social charge. Evergreen was the only one.
23. It was my only choice this year. I live in Olympia.
24. Yes, I got my undergrad at Evergreen and knew this was the environment I wanted to be in.
25. Evergreen. was my first choice because of location, pricing and reputation.
26. Evergreen was the only place I applied for graduate school. I had considered another school because of interest in a specific program, but decided it wasn’t right for me. I learned about the Evergreen MPA and that it is highly regarded and I decided it sounded good.
27. Evergreen was my first and only choice as a graduate school. It is a very well thought of program, cost efficient and will allow me the ability to keep working for the state as I pursue my education. Evergreen is also the only MPA I found in the South Sound and I didn’t want to commute.
28. For MES it was the first choice out of the programs I was accepted to. For MPA, is was my only choice because I wanted to challenge myself to enter a field that I have no academic background in.
29. Only choice—location 15 minutes from my house, best cost value and good reputation.
30. Yes, only choice. Respected program (mentors who have gone through the MPA here), closer/easier to access from Tacoma, cost effective for a career/lifetime in public service.
31. Evergreen was my choice because of cost, mainly. I would not be pursuing an MPA otherwise.
32. Yes, only choice-night/weekend classes, local and it a great program.
33. Yes, it’s convenient and applicable. I work here.
34. Yes, only. I became passionate about the structure and progressive/interdisciplinary approach. I didn’t want another school.
35. As a full time Evergreen staff person, I knew I would be able to benefit from the tuition saving, but with many friends working locally in PA I had heard the program was highly respected.
36. Evergreen was my only choice. Word of mouth about importance of program, financial and flexibility all aligned with my goals.
37. It was my first choice. Location, cost, and quality of learning.
38. No. UW.
39. **How did you first hear about the Evergreen MPA program?**
40. Alumni
41. Have been researching for a few years—just went looking for programs, then met alumni.
42. Father and MPA website, Americorps
43. Two alumni recommended I apply, citing I was great at critical thinking but needed a higher degree to excel in my career. The MPA would give me the opportunity to gain leadership skills.
44. While working with people in the community during my AmeriCorps service year.
45. Alumni
46. Someone came to where I worked and did an info session.
47. I heard about the Evergreen MPA program through a former board member
48. Mentors: Kelly McDonald and Caitlin White
49. Olympia Library info session (saw it on the Timberland events website)
50. I heard about the MPA program from working for and being a student in the MES program
51. I spoke with many alumni who have completed the program and I did my own research based on the goals I have for myself and my career path.
52. I lived here in Olympia already and was thinking about maybe going to grad school. I googled whether Evergreen has graduate programs and found it.
53. I heard about the program from my boss who used to be in the legislature on the higher education committee.
54. Website research
55. Matt Lebens
56. Evergreen undergrad with a focus on law and political science so it’s been on the radar for awhile.
57. As an undergrad. Followed up after being in social care for a while.
58. I’m an Evergreen employee.
59. Partner
60. A really good friend of mine who went through the program a few years ago.
61. I know some alumni and I heard it is an excellent program
62. While at Evergreen
63. Web
64. I did my own research after moving to Washington
65. I am an Evergreen grad
66. Another student in another TES graduate program suggested it.
67. My friend Sarah was a 2013 graduate and co-worker- Karama Blackhorn in year 2 Tribal Cohort.
68. From a classmate during my time as an undergraduate at Evergreen.
69. I work here so I knew about the program
70. I used to work at Evergreen.
71. Friend!
72. As an undergrad @ TESC
73. Evergreen undergrad and legislative internship
74. WSU – V Professor Dana Baker
75. BA here
76. When researching schools online prior to transferring here