

#### Application Related Information

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Application: Application Not Verified  
Grad Program Applying To: MPA

Iteration Name: 202410\_GR\_G  
Program Name: MPA

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By: Charles Williams  
Recommenders Institution: UW Tacoma  
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.  
Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommenders Title: Associate Professor of Political Science  
Contact Name: William Bennett  
Recommendation Waiver Choice:  
Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 01/29/2023 10:46 AM  
Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant without reservation.  
Recommender Form: MPA Letter of Recommendation/Form

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000108935506

Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

#### Recommender Form Questions

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How long have you known applicant:  
  
Since Summer Quarter 2022

Applicant ability as self-directed learner: Wyatt is a motivated and industrious student who has been very successful in taking on independent work. This was evident in his ability to navigate remote asynchronous classes during the pandemic, and also in his involvement in student leadership and his current legislative internship.

Time since last contact with applicant:

Applicant as productive member of group: Wyatt was very capable and supportive in group collaborations and student discussions in my classes. He has also been an effective participant in student government, and is now successfully serving as an intern in the hectic and collaborative work of the state legislature.

Relationship with Applicant: Current

Applicant most significant strengths: Wyatt is a very effective communicator with strong analytical skills. He is also empathetic, engaged with diverse perspectives, and committed to public affairs as they relate to social justice and community well-being.

Professor in two classes

Ability to complete rigorous grad program:	Outstanding	Responsibility/reliability:	Excellent
Communication Skills - Oral:	Excellent	Communication skills - written:	Outstanding
Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:	Outstanding	Ability to work independently:	Outstanding
Ability to handle stress:	Excellent	Ability to think critically:	Outstanding
Ability to analyze/problem solve:	Outstanding	Ability to think creatively:	Outstanding
Openness to feedback:	Outstanding	Potential for leadership:	Outstanding
Ability to work in a team:	Outstanding	Personal/professional reflection:	Excellent

#### Description Information

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#### Other Information

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January 29, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to strongly recommend Wyatt Bennett for admission to the Master of Public Administration program at Evergreen State College. Wyatt was excellent student in two of my upper-division political science courses at UW Tacoma over the past year, ranking among the top three students in both cases. In keeping with his interest in public policy and community well-being, he is now participating in the Washington State Legislative Internship program. This also follows from Wyatt's substantial engagement with student affairs in his time at UWT. Wyatt has accordingly demonstrated a strong commitment to combining scholarly rigor with civic engagement, and on that basis I consider him an excellent candidate for the MPA program.

Among Wyatt's scholarly strengths, I would particularly note his analytical ability and his communication skills. He consistently asks smart questions and shows a sustained capacity to integrate specific insights and details into a larger analysis. In a terrific paper on the economic and political dynamics shaping Franklin Roosevelt's presidency for example, Wyatt astutely showed the value of combining a focus on interest group pressure with the regime-building cycles of presidential history to better understand the New Deal. He effectively drew on a range of concrete examples and scholarly sources to move beyond any overly simple understanding of Roosevelt's own political skills, allowing for a more nuanced assessment of how major policy transformations emerge. I was also impressed by the clarity of Wyatt's writing and his ability to engage complex ideas in a clear and well-organized manner. These same strengths were evident across all of his written work in both of my classes, and his contributions to class discussions were similarly lucid and insightful.

In short, Wyatt is a smart, industrious, and enthusiastic student who has been increasingly involved in civic affairs, and he is genuinely motivated to pursue a career in public administration from the standpoint of community well-being. I am confident he will bring these same strengths to the MPA program, and I am delighted to recommend him to you.

Sincerely,

Charles Williams  
Associate Professor of Political Science