

Application Related Information

Application: Application Not Verified
Grad Program Applying To: MPA

Iteration Name: 202410_GR_G
Program Name: MPA

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Mary Hanneman
Recommenders Institution: University of Washington,
Tacoma
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I do not waive my right to
review this recommendation.
Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommenders Title: Professor, Modern East Asia
Contact Name: Marnie Bolen
Recommendation Waiver Choice: I do not waive my right to
review this recommendation.
Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 03/30/2023 05:50 PM

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant
without reservation.

Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Form: MPA Letter of
Recommendation/Form

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000109442986

Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known applicant:	1 year	Applicant ability as self-directed learner:	I have full confidence in Marnie Bolen's ability to be a self-directed learner.
Time since last contact with applicant:	2 wks in person,today by email	Applicant as productive member of group:	In a couple of our classroom activities students had to interact in a group situation; Marnie functioned well as a quiet but not dominating leader.
Relationship with Applicant:	professor	Applicant most significant strengths:	Analytical ability; ability to understand other people and ideas.
Ability to complete rigorous grad program:	Outstanding	Responsibility/reliability:	Outstanding
Communication Skills - Oral:	Outstanding	Communication skills - written:	Outstanding
Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:	Outstanding	Ability to work independently:	Outstanding
Ability to handle stress:	Outstanding	Ability to think critically:	Outstanding
Ability to analyze/problem solve:	Outstanding	Ability to think creatively:	Outstanding
Openness to feedback:	Outstanding	Potential for leadership:	Excellent
Ability to work in a team:	Outstanding	Personal/professional reflection:	Outstanding

Description Information

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Other Information

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Graduate Admissions Office
The Evergreen State College

March 30, 2023

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing to recommend Marnie Bolen to the Master of Public Administration program at The Evergreen State College. Marnie was a student in two of my Asian history classes at the University of Washington Tacoma over the past year. I feel I came to know her and her abilities during that time.

Marnie is a bright, mature, interested student who possesses very strong oral and written communication skills. As s a student in my courses on modern Japanese history and modern Chinese history, she proved to be consistently prepared and ready for class discussion. Her questions and analyses in class helped to move the class forward and enabled others in the class to develop new understanding of the material.

One of Marnie's great strengths is her analytical ability. She was often able to put together information in a way that got to the heart of the issues. Moreover, I was always impressed with Marnie's ability to communicate her ideas in very clear prose. It was evident that she was not just relying on her native ability, but that she also put thought and effort into her written assignments to make them top-notch. It is not uncommon to have students who can get by on their native intelligence; at the same time, there are students who do very well because they simply work very hard. Marnie is the kind of student who combines intelligence and effort, and the results are apparent.

The abilities Marnie demonstrated in class are exactly the kinds of abilities that make her an excellent choice for your program. One lesson from history is that policy matters, that public policy shapes society in both positive and negative ways. Given Marnie's keen analytical ability, and her ability to communicate effectively, I can see Marnie excelling in your program, but more importantly, in a career in public policy. She is exactly the kind of thoughtful, open, compassionate and experienced individual I would hope to see involved in public policy.

Marnie has a pleasant personality and a good sense of humor; she gets along well with others. I believe she is a flexible and accepting person. Although she has a quiet demeanor, she never "hid" herself or her abilities and she made important contributions to the classes she was in. I believe she has a nice combination of idealism and pragmatism to be able to make a real contribution in the area of public policy.

In sum, Marnie is a very capable student, and a mature and well-balanced individual who will be a tremendous asset to your program. I recommend her in the strongest terms. Should you have any questions, please feel free to email me at hanneman@uw.edu or call me at 253-219-5240.

Sincerely,

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