

Application Related Information

Application: Application Not Verified
Grad Program Applying To: MPA

Iteration Name: 202410_GR_G
Program Name: MPA

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Michael Bowman
Recommenders Institution: The Evergreen State College

Recommenders Title: Michael Bowman, Ph.D

Contact Name: Brett Farache

Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.

Recommendation Waiver Choice: I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.

Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 04/03/2023 12:38 PM

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant without reservation.

Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Form: MPA Letter of Recommendation/Form

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000109472265

Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known applicant:

9 months

Applicant ability as self-directed learner: Aubrey has demonstrated the ability to be both self-directed and consultative, as evidenced by the development of a final assignment for my class.

Time since last contact with applicant:

last week

Applicant as productive member of group: Aubrey has demonstrated excellent abilities to be a productive, curious, and caring member of a group.

Relationship with Applicant:

Faculty/student

Applicant most significant strengths: Aubrey is extremely open to new experiences, ideas, and ways of learning. He is a curious listener who always wants to make connections between theory and practice; between his experiences and others' experiences; and between the past, present, and future.

Ability to complete rigorous grad program: Outstanding

Responsibility/reliability: Outstanding

Communication Skills - Oral: Outstanding

Communication skills - written: Excellent

Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy: Outstanding

Ability to work independently: Outstanding

Ability to handle stress: Outstanding

Ability to think critically: Excellent

Ability to analyze/problem solve: Excellent

Ability to think creatively: Outstanding

Openness to feedback: Outstanding
Ability to work in a team: Outstanding

Potential for leadership: Outstanding
Personal/professional reflection: Outstanding

Description Information

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Other Information

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April 1, 2023

To the MPA Admissions Committee—

I am writing in support of the Aubrey Farache's application to continue his studies at Evergreen as part of the MPA program.

I first met Aubrey during the summer of 2022 when he was a student in my "Making Place through Archives and Oral Histories" program. I have continued to keep in touch with Aubrey during the 2022-2023 academic year and he is about to begin an internship with the archivist at the Tacoma Public Library, a relationship that began during the "Making Place" class.

As a student, Aubrey consistently came to class prepared to participate in discussions, in archival mucks, and in workshops with archivists and guest teachers. Although Aubrey was relatively new to Evergreen and new to archival study, he made significant contributions to course conversations and archival investigations. Importantly, Aubrey was also a good and caring classmate; sharing parts of his own story while also inquiring and listening to classmates' stories, experiences, and interpretations. In the class, Aubrey effectively co-facilitated a seminar on chapters from Tiya Miles' *All that She Carried* and a chapter from Zachary Schrag's *The Princeton Guide to Historical Research*, using Schrag's chapter to illuminate aspects of Miles' historical method and approach to historical sources. As a final project for the course, Aubrey worked with the archivist at the Northwest Room of the Tacoma Public Library to do some archival research on the history of Tacoma's palatial Stadium High School. In a fascinating and creative twist, Aubrey used decades of the high school's yearbooks to pose questions about what this source might be able to tell us about changes in youth demographics, youth styles, and youth political culture.

During the evaluation meeting with Aubrey at the end of that summer class, and since he was so fascinated by the archives, I encouraged him to look into further study. I am excited that Aubrey has chosen the MPA program at Evergreen as his next possible step. If accepted into the program, I have every confidence that Aubrey will be an engaged student and will use the opportunity to further develop the skills and knowledges he seeks to support veterans and military families, a community he knows well.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions.

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