

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 Vavrus
Recommenders Institution: Evergreen State College
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.
Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommenders Title: Dr.
Contact Name: Christopher Garcia
Recommendation Waiver Choice: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.
Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 06/27/2023 06:08 PM
Recommendation Type: General
Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000110107442

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant.
Recommender Form: MPA Letter of Recommendation/Form
Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known applicant:	1.5 years	Applicant ability as self-directed learner:	Chris has the maturity and persistence to engage successfully with the MPA program
Time since last contact with applicant:	last week!	Applicant as productive member of group:	Chris has demonstrated the ability to be a productive member of learning community.
Relationship with Applicant:	professor to student	Applicant most significant strengths:	Chris's maturity, academic persistence, commitment to equity, and a desire to proactively serve the public good.
Ability to complete rigorous grad program:	Very Good	Responsibility/reliability:	Very Good
Communication Skills - Oral:	Excellent	Communication skills - written:	Very Good
Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:	Outstanding	Ability to work independently:	Very Good
Ability to handle stress:	Excellent	Ability to think critically:	Excellent
Ability to analyze/problem solve:	Excellent	Ability to think creatively:	Excellent
Openness to feedback:	Outstanding	Potential for leadership:	Excellent
Ability to work in a team:	Outstanding	Personal/professional reflection:	Excellent

Description Information

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Other Information

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To: Graduate Admissions at Evergreen

I am writing **in support of Christopher Garcia** being admitted to Evergreen's MPA program.

Chris returned to in-person instruction for my full-time program in Winter 2022. Chris was initially challenged by family and health constraints but was regularly involved with assigned content. He was extremely supportive and respectful of his peers in his learning community, including during text-based seminar. Despite certain barriers he faced, I found him to be critically reflective on his new areas of learning as evidenced by his academic persistence.

His Winter 2022 program was the first time Chris was introduced in detail on how to approach and structure an academic research paper that included using peer-reviewed journals and standard documentation. The research paper and subsequent presentation with projected software was overall quite good and demonstrated significant growth from where he began the quarter. Since then, I was pleased to learn that Chris was able to successfully apply his learning from Winter 2022 to his program with Dr. Niva during this past academic year.

Critical in considering Chris for admission to the MPA program is his well-informed knowledge base related to political and social issues that every public administrator ought to have. Chris is very open-minded and empathetic to the plight of less fortunate individuals and groups, a positive disposition that he'll bring to the MPA program.

I do hope you give Chris an opportunity to demonstrate his commitment to be a successful student in the MPA program. I sincerely believe he has the maturity and dedication to do so.

Sincerely,
Michael Vavrus, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Evergreen State College
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