

#### Application Related Information

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Application:	Application Not Verified	Iteration Name:	202410_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To:	MPA	Program Name:	MPA

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By:	Bradley Proctor	Recommenders Title:	
Recommenders Institution:	The Evergreen State College	Contact Name:	Philip Gyamfi
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs:	I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.	Recommendation Waiver Choice:	
Recommendation Form Submitted:	✓	Recommendation Status:	Received
Received Date:	12/30/2022 09:38 AM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant without reservation.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	MPA Letter of Recommendation/Form
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000108646501	Recommendation Owner:	Josephine Bernier

#### Recommender Form Questions

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How long have you known applicant:	Since the fall of 2017	Applicant ability as self-directed learner:	Philip has already demonstrated his strong abilities as a self-directed learner at Evergreen. See attached recommendation letter.
Time since last contact with applicant:	We were in contact this month	Applicant as productive member of group:	Philip has excelled in group participation and leadership at Evergreen and after. See attached recommendation letter.
Relationship with Applicant:	Professor	Applicant most significant strengths:	See attached recommendation letter.
Ability to complete rigorous grad program:	Very Good	Responsibility/reliability:	Very Good
Communication Skills - Oral:	Very Good	Communication skills - written:	Above Average
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:	Very Good
Openness to feedback:	Very Good	Potential for leadership:	Outstanding
Ability to work in a team:	Excellent	Personal/professional reflection:	Very Good

#### Description Information

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Other Information

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December 27, 2022

Dear admissions committee:

I write to strongly recommend Philip Gyamfi for admission to the Masters in Public Administration program at the Evergreen State College. I taught Philip in two academic programs at Evergreen from 2017-2019. He exercised strong academic engagement and demonstrated deep learning and peer leadership. His passion for education, his undergraduate academic accomplishments in political economy and public policy, his strength in mentoring, and his experiences leading Upward Bound after graduation all show that Philip will be an excellent fit for Evergreen's MPA.

I first taught Philip in "Inventing the Citizen," co-taught with Dr. Ulrike Krotscheck in 2017-2018. This program focused on social history and political theory in both ancient Greece and Rome and the United States. Students engaged historical questions that included how people learn to think of themselves as political actors and how they learn their rights as citizens, as well as how citizens and non-citizens alike have utilized, circumvented, and resisted existing social and political structures to become engaged agents of change in their communities and beyond. Philip was a strong participant in this program, showing leadership in class discussions and improvement in his writing. As a culminating activity, students could develop a group project designed around the concept of civic engagement. Philip was the leader of a group of students who organized four weeks of workshops at a local high school about civic engagement, voting, the constitutional amendments and what they meant for citizen rights, and the college application process; specifically, how to apply for federal and state financial aid for college. The group also brought in college soccer coaches as guest speakers to one of the workshops. These workshops were geared towards students who were at risk of not graduating. Philip consistently took a lead role in this project, using connections that he had from previous internships, organizing meetings, and planning the curriculum. The work was a notable success. It demonstrated Philip's organizational and leadership skills, his commitment to youth development and civic engagement, and creative problem solving when issues arose.

I also taught Philip in the fall of 2018 in the program "Africa Is Not a Country," co-taught with Dr. Sarah Eltantawi, Ph.D. This was an interdisciplinary program exploring Africa and the African diaspora through the study of history, culture, and religion. The program's major themes explored the diversity of African peoples, histories, cultures, and countries. The program was both reading and writing intensive, with several academic articles or chapters assigned each week, as well

as a weekly media watch assignment, three substantive papers, and a final presentation. It was also a conceptually rich and theoretically dense program, demanding high levels of intellectual engagement for sustained success. Philip also showed leadership in discussion and deep engagement in learning in this program. He was consistently prepared, demonstrated improvement in his academic work over the quarter, and very effectively presented his quarter-long research in an engaging discussion of politics in Rwanda.

After graduating Philip has worked as a success coach for Upward Bound and as an adjunct teacher with schools in Thurston County. This work has demonstrated Philip's deepening experience providing educational access, mentorship, and support to area middle and high school students.

In sum, I highly recommend Philip Gyamfi for Evergreen's MPA. He has already demonstrated skills in leadership and organizing. He has immersed himself in diverse subjects and methods of learning at Evergreen and shown success. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about his candidacy or if any further information would be useful.

Very sincerely,

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