

Application Related Information

Application: Application Incomplete
Grad Program Applying To: MPA

Iteration Name: 202410_GR_G
Program Name: MPA

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Deborah Martinez
Recommenders Institution: Peace Community Center
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.
Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommenders Title: Interim Executive Director
Contact Name: Kelsey Longrie
Recommendation Waiver Choice:
Recommendation Status: Received

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Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant without reservation.

Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Form: MPA Letter of Recommendation/Form

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000108747756

Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known applicant:

1 year

Applicant ability as self-directed learner:

Kelsey is a self starter and is always seeking opportunities to dive deeper into her work and development of self. When she assesses that she needs deeper guidance she seeks it out without prompt, it's due to her desire to consistently grow that I truly believe she can be a self-directed learner.

Time since last contact with applicant:

Less than 24 hours

Applicant as productive member of group:

Kelsey is the definition of a team player, always willing to dive in and pick up additional tasks for the betterment of all involved. She praises when it's due and provides feedback to help others grow, making the team stronger.

Relationship with Applicant:

Applicant most significant strengths:

I believe Kelsey is incredibly self reflective, she has the ability to identify and own her mistakes, in addition to creating positive steps to overcome the consequences of those mistakes. She also has incredible capacity and can easily take on 2x the work of others in her peer group without showing stress due to her ability to create efficient and effective processes. She is passionate about Community and those she serves, at the end of the day an individual can be incredible in task and deed, however heart will set them apart. Kelsey has heart, and that passion makes her a truly incredible person to work alongside.

Supervisor

Ability to complete rigorous grad program: Outstanding

Communication Skills - Oral: Outstanding

Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy: Outstanding

Ability to handle stress: Outstanding

Ability to analyze/problem solve: Outstanding

Openness to feedback: Outstanding

Ability to work in a team: Outstanding

Responsibility/reliability: Outstanding

Communication skills - written: Outstanding

Ability to work independently: Outstanding

Ability to think critically: Outstanding

Ability to think creatively: Outstanding

Potential for leadership: Outstanding

Personal/professional reflection: Outstanding

Description Information

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To Whom it May Concern,

It is with great honor and enthusiasm that I write to advocate for Kelsey Longrie's admittance into Evergreen's upcoming Master's of Public Administration program.

In my time working alongside Ms. Longrie, I have witnessed her unparalleled passion, tenacity, and commitment to community, service, and collective growth. In our season of working together, Ms. Longrie has assessed, developed, and led successful initiatives to promote change, restorative process, and holistic wellbeing into each of the areas she oversees. As a believer in equity, growth mindset and asset-based language, Ms. Longrie has aided and been an essential partner in shifting the culture at Peace Community Center; whereas we once focused solely on academic achievement, we now focus on barrier reduction and confronting systems that create hardships for our scholars and their families.

Areas of celebration for Ms. Longrie include:

- Spearheading and managing our organization's most engaged and well-functioning program as Middle School Program Manager
- Stepping into assess and successfully address issues of failed programming as Interim Elementary School Program Manager and as current High School, College, and Career Program Manager
- Co-creating a restorative process for all programs to implement in place of systemic and harmful disciplinary measures
- Assisting in creating a classification checklist to determine "high risk" scholars based on barriers experienced, and altering our organizational language from "high risk" to "high priority"

Furthermore, due to her capacity and recent successes, Ms. Longrie has been assigned the tasks of:

- Co-developing a social emotional rubric for programs to assess a baseline and track growth of our scholars' self-management, self-awareness, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making
- Co-creating an onboarding process for all new team members to be informed, effectively trained, and immersed into our culture prior to working alongside our scholars
- Assisting in the construct and writing of proposals and grants to further advance our organization and its impact on the community

As stated earlier, I wholeheartedly believe that Ms. Longrie is an ideal candidate for the MPA, and believe that with the ability to dive deeper into community, leadership, and advocacy with

like minded individuals, she will flourish and create a greater impact on the Tacoma community as a whole.

Thank you for your time and the reviewing of this letter. I hope it finds you well.

Best to you,

Deborah Haywood Martinez