

Application Related Information

Application: Application Incomplete Iteration Name: 202410_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To: MPA Program Name: MPA

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Donna Feddern Recommenders Title: Community Supports Director
Recommenders Institution: Lewis Mason Thurston Area Agency on Aging Contact Name: Rachelle Martin
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation. Recommendation Waiver Choice: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.
Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓ Recommendation Status: Received
Received Date: 06/27/2023 08:45 AM Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant.
Recommendation Type: General Recommender Form: MPA Letter of Recommendation/Form
Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000110045372 Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known applicant: Applicant ability as self-directed learner: Rachelle has excellent abilities to be a self-directed leader. She is self-motivated, responsible, self-aware, and cares a great deal about the people she works with on her teams.
5 years

Time since last contact with applicant: Applicant as productive member of group: Rachelle has a lot of energy to get work done and has spent time learning about dispute resolution. I have seen her stop to help people who are struggling, over and over again. They have all been very appreciative of her time and concern.
This week

Relationship with Applicant: Applicant most significant strengths: Rachelle is a lifelong learner. She is committed to continual improvement and has a very strong service-orientation. She works hard to make this world a better place in each community she serves.
I was her former manager.

Ability to complete rigorous grad program: Responsibility/reliability: Outstanding
Excellent

Communication Skills - Oral: Communication skills - written: Excellent
Very Good

Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy: Ability to work independently: Outstanding
Outstanding

Ability to handle stress: Very Good

Ability to think critically: Excellent

Ability to analyze/problem solve: Excellent

Ability to think creatively: Excellent

Openness to feedback: Excellent

Potential for leadership: Outstanding

Ability to work in a team: Excellent

Personal/professional reflection: Excellent

Description Information

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Other Information

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To the Evergreen Graduate Admissions staff:

It is my pleasure to recommend Rachelle Martin for the Master's in Public Administration program at the Evergreen State College. I have known Rachelle since 2018 when, as the library branch manager, I hired her to be the Operations Supervisor for the Shelton and Hoodspout Timberland Libraries. I went on to recommend her for a position at the Washington State Department of Health in 2021 after I moved to a management position at that agency. In both positions she used her communication skills and commitment to service, in addition to her lack of fear of taking on new challenges and learning new things, to make a positive impact on both work teams.

Rachelle regularly tells me about the latest book she has read or the volunteer organization where she is making contributions of her time, labor, and ideas. Two of her recent areas of focus have been on conflict management and process improvement. I was impressed at her diligence attaining her Mediation certification from the Thurston County Dispute Resolution Center where she continues to offer her time as a volunteer mediator. With her interest in process improvement, she applied for a position at the Department of Health and quickly learned and utilized the many tools to improve efficiencies in the Center for Health Statistics.

I believe a good public administrator needs the ability to have a big picture view, strong communication and dispute resolution skills, a strong service orientation, and a commitment to lifelong learning. Rachelle has all of these and would be a strong contributor to an MPA cohort as well as a successful leader in our community. She has laid the groundwork with her training and years of work experience and will benefit for putting it all together in your graduate program.

Please feel free to contact me with any other questions you may have about Rachelle's work.

Sincerely,



Donna Feddern