

Application Related Information

Application: Application Not Verified
Grad Program Applying To: MPA

Iteration Name: 202410_GR_G
Program Name: MPA

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Mayaan Simckes
Recommenders Institution: DOH
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.

Recommenders Title: Epidemiologist 3

Contact Name: Rachelle Martin

Recommendation Waiver Choice: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.

Recommendation Form Submitted: ✗

Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 06/20/2023 03:29 PM

Recommender Assessment:

Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Form: MPA Letter of Recommendation/Form

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000110045379

Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known applicant:

Applicant ability as self-directed learner:

Time since last contact with applicant:

Applicant as productive member of group:

Relationship with Applicant:

Applicant most significant strengths:

Ability to complete rigorous grad program:

Responsibility/reliability:

Communication Skills - Oral:

Communication skills - written:

Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:

Ability to work independently:

Ability to handle stress:

Ability to think critically:

Ability to analyze/problem solve:

Ability to think creatively:

Openness to feedback:

Potential for leadership:

Ability to work in a team:

Personal/professional reflection:

Description Information

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Form URL: <https://evergreenstatecollege.radiu>

Other Information

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Olympia, WA

Evergreen State College MPA Admissions:

My name is Dr. Maayan Simckes. I am a Senior Epidemiologist at the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) and the Population Survey Supervisor. I have had the pleasure of working with Rachelle Martin in a number of capacities over the past several months and happily submit this letter of support for her acceptance into the Evergreen State College MPA Program.

I first met Rachelle when I was a union-represented employee of the agency and, in her capacity as the Chief Steward, she provided me with compassionate, clear, and impactful guidance through a tricky professional situation. I watched her engage peers and leaders alike with poise, eloquence, and professionalism that will lend to her future in public administration.

In her role as the coordinator for the state's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, Rachelle demonstrates organizational, communication, and political skills that allow her to balance the needs of several stakeholders while ensuring that priorities and deliverables are being met. She has quickly gained the respect of colleagues and has shown that she has a future as a leader in public service. An MPA will allow her to advance in her professional aspirations toward making large scale systemic impact on the wellbeing and growth of communities in the region. I feel strongly that this is an excellent next step for her.

I have recently taken a new position where I will serve as Rachelle's immediate supervisor. Given my experience working with Rachelle thus far, I am confident that the transition will be seamless. She is a team player, eager to chime in with a good idea or to share encouraging feedback with colleagues on their work. Her constructive input on projects is shared with kindness and her ability to sense others' needs and respond with empathy is strong. I am confident that Rachelle would bring this same care and thoughtfulness to the classroom setting.

I think Rachelle would be an asset to your program and I feel that her participation would be a beneficial next step in her own professional development. If you have any questions regarding her background at the DOH or her readiness for this opportunity, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Maayan Simckes, PhD MPH

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