

## Application Related Information

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Application: Application Incomplete  
Grad Program Applying To: MPA

Iteration Name: 202410\_GR\_G  
Program Name: MPA

## Recommendation Information

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Recommended By: Vuslat Katsanis  
Recommenders Institution: The Evergreen State College

Recommenders Title: Dr.  
Contact Name: Alden Nagel

Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.

Recommendation Waiver Choice:

Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommendation Status: Received

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Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant.

Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Form: MPA Letter of Recommendation/Form

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000108961540

Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

## Recommender Form Questions

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How long have you known applicant:

Applicant ability as self-directed learner: Alden ranks outstanding in this category as he is strongly self-driven in purpose and reach, often initiating ways to learn more about a subject to which he devotes multiple years learning.

2 years

Time since last contact with applicant:

Applicant as productive member of group: Alden will be a strong asset within a team of learnings. He has a strong sense of purpose, is respectful, diligent with feedback, and attentive to others' thoughts.

current student

Relationship with Applicant:

Applicant most significant strengths: Alden is creative, ambitious, self-driven, and future-oriented. He is dedicated to his field of learning and will go beyond the standard expectations to succeed in that field. He has my strongest recommendation.

Professor

Ability to complete rigorous grad program: Outstanding

Responsibility/reliability: Excellent

Communication Skills - Oral: Excellent

Communication skills - written: Outstanding

Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy: Outstanding

Ability to work independently: Outstanding

Ability to handle stress: Outstanding

Ability to think critically: Outstanding

Ability to analyze/problem  
solve: Outstanding

Openness to feedback: Outstanding

Ability to work in a team: Outstanding

Ability to think creatively: Outstanding

Potential for leadership: Outstanding

Personal/professional  
reflection: Excellent

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#### Description Information

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#### Other Information

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MA Program in Public Administration  
The Evergreen State College

Recommendation Letter for: Alden Nagel

Feb 1, 2023

Dear admissions committee:

I write this letter in strong recommendation of Alden Nagel's application to the graduate program in Public Administration at The Evergreen State College. I have known Alden since 2019 when he first enrolled in my two-quarter advanced program, "Temporality Word Image," which I taught alongside Professor Leonard Schwartz. He is currently enrolled in my advanced program, "Comparative Literature and World Cinemas: Reading Globalectically." Throughout the several quarters, Alden remained a strong presence with carefully crafted work that show excellent potential to succeed in advanced and independent work.

Overall, Alden is a strong student with excellent writing, speaking, and analytical skills. In particular, his longstanding interests in the field of film and media studies, paired with his conceptual depth of thinking about the arts in general, makes for an exceptionally interdisciplinary scholarship. In line with the best I have observed in my six years of teaching at Evergreen, Alden is boldly creative, remarkably self-driven, and does not shy away from a good intellectual challenge. In his independently designed film project, Alden completed work that exhibited excellent teamwork (working across multiple crews in film production), strong research focus, and technical mastery. The process of making the film was as important as the final product. In every step, Alden's responsibility to his project as well as to his team members allowed for effective progress. Based on his outstanding planning, he also applied for and won a capstone grant that funded his project. Alden's final presentation acknowledged everyone's part, as well as his own individual vision which he executed well.

Alden has a passion for film and media, but also a strong commitment to community service and public programming. Based on this commitment, he has volunteered in a number of arts organizations to learn about event-planning, outreach, and community service. He has also founded and shepherded the Evergreen Film Society, an on-campus resource for undergraduate students interested in the cinematic arts. Alongside the programming work that he completed, Alden also

managed an online platform for group members to maintain involvement outside of the restrictions of time and space. This proved especially useful during the COVID-19 lockdown. I have watched Alden's commitments grow and have been impressed by what he has been able to achieve on his own.

With further guidance and learning in Public Administration, Alden will be able to bridge his interests in film and community service. His prior studies in programs, his independent projects, and his ability to conduct research will prove beneficial to his studies. He is mature, thoughtful, and dedicated.

Alden Nagel has my highest recommendation for the Master's in Public Administration program at Evergreen.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about my recommendation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Vuslat Katsanis

Professor of Literary Arts and Studies  
The Evergreen State College