

The Evergreen State College

MPA Program

2700 Evergreen Parkway NW

Olympia,

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The Admissions Committee,

It is my pleasure to recommend Rudy Romero for the MPA Program. I got to know Rudy in my Business Fundamentals, Team Entrepreneurship, Leadership and Innovation: Changemaker Lab Program.

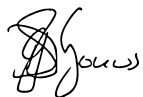
From the beginning of the program, Rudy impressed me with his passion for learning, attention to detail, his responsible nature, and his ability to apply what he learned to lead a team and lead discussions in various areas. I have personally witnessed Rudy's superb ability to work with others across significant differences to solve problems and critique the work of others constructively. He made very good presentations of books that he read in a public setting.

Rudy is an excellent applicant who will most likely continue to excel in discovering his passion for making his contribution to social transformation and continue to learn to apply his excellent leadership and entrepreneurial skills to benefit our society. Rudy has already shown his initiative in the program by creating an organizational team called South Sound Academy of the Arts. The objective of the lean startup is to create community through dance and music and particularly serve the under-served communities through this initiative. Rudy is particularly interested in serving through the establishment of not for profit organizations.

I enthusiastically recommend Rudy for the program and am confident that any goals Rudy sets for himself he will accomplish and that it will benefit the greater good in any area he sets his mind on to work in the future.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dion Gouws", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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