Application Related Information

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

Recommendation Information

Recommended By:	Dale Porter	Recommenders Title:	State Government Affairs Grassroots Coordinator
Recommenders Institution:	Washington Hospitality Association	Contact Name:	Victoria Stoner
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs:	I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.	Recommendation Waiver Choice:	
Recommendation Form Submitted:	✓	Recommendation Status:	Received
Received Date:	02/09/2023 10:37 AM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	MPA Letter of Recommendation/Form
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000109015549	Recommendation Owner:	Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known applicant:	8 years	Applicant ability as self-directed learner:	As long as I have known Tori, she has always been hungry for knowledge. She would seek answers for subjects she did not know. I am confident she would do well in this field.
Time since last contact with applicant:	1 year	Applicant as productive member of group:	She was a valuable member of my team. She showed professionalism, empathy, and leadership. She knew when to step up/step back to give others a voice, celebrate success and help generate SMART goals.
Relationship with Applicant:	Supervisor	Applicant most significant strengths:	She is passionate about knowledge, social justice, public service. Her passion is reflected in the work she produces and her career trajectory. She's eager to learn, resourceful, and reliable.
Ability to complete rigourous grad program:	Outstanding	Responsibility/reliability:	Excellent
Communication Skills - Oral:	Excellent	Communication skills - written:	Excellent
Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:	Outstanding	Ability to work independently:	Excellent

Ability to handle stress:	Excellent	Ability to think critically:	Excellent
Ability to analyze/problem solve:	Excellent	Ability to think creatively:	Outstanding
Openness to feedback:	Excellent	Potential for leadership:	Very Good
Ability to work in a team:	Excellent	Personal/professional reflection:	Outstanding

Description Information

Description:		Form URL:	https://evergreenstatecollege.radiu

Other Information

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February 5, 2023

Dear Marcia Zitzelman,

It's my absolute pleasure to recommend Victoria Stoner for Master of Public Administration program at The Evergreen State College. Tori and I have known each other for eight years— first during our internship at the Washington State Capitol and later, I hired her as a political field organizer during the 2020 presidential race.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time working with Tori, and came to know her as a truly valuable asset to our team. During our internship together, she demonstrated honesty, dependability, compassion, and was incredibly hardworking. She would help her assigned offices create briefs, legal memos, op-eds, and write consistent correspondence. She met with constituent groups, conducted casework, and helped bridge the gap between the people and their government. Tori has a passion for public service and it showed as I witnessed her grow from an intern into a professional.

As a field organizer, she went above and beyond to make sure tasks were completed in detail and always made she her coworkers were heard, valued, and she was instrumental to the positive work culture we strived for in an industry known for toxicity. In many ways, she was key in keeping our office a welcoming place for all of us. Beyond that, she is an impressive writer, researcher, and orator who is able to complete whatever she is assigned.

Her knowledge of political processes, legal systems, and expertise in several key subject areas was a huge advantage to our entire office. She utilized her researching skills to identify priority precincts within her region; targeted persuasion voters within her region; mastered our Votebuilder/CRM to chart walk lists and phonebank for herself and volunteers; conducted several successful in person training sessions for new staff and volunteers; and helped draft shared training materials for her peers. Furthermore, because of the nature of political campaigning, she worked well under immense pressure and always could think "outside the box" to find workable solutions whenever needed. To this day, I am still impressed about the work she demonstrated in our campaign office.

Tori's oral communication skills have always been strong. Whether she is speaking with constituents, persuading voters, training staff, Tori has always had strong speaking skills when conveying complex issues so people could understand— a valuable tool when training volunteers off the street.

Along with her undeniable talent, has always been an absolute joy to work with. Tori is a true team player, and always foster positive discussions and bring the best out of other members of our team. Tori has always been on the short list of candidates I look toward when hiring on a campaign.

Without a doubt, I confidently recommend Tori for the MPA program at Evergreen. As a dedicated and knowledgeable person and an all-around genuinely great person, I know that she will be a beneficial addition to the Evergreen family. I wholeheartedly believe Tori will work tirelessly for the greater public good and make our world better with the training your program.

Please feel free to contact me at 253-241-9837 if you want to discuss Tori's qualifications and experience further. I'd be happy to expand on my recommendation.

Best wishes,

Dale Porter, MLA
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