

Application Related Information

Application: Application Verified
Grad Program Applying To: MPA

Iteration Name: 202410_GR_G
Program Name: MPA

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Marcia Tate Arunga
Recommenders Institution: Evergreen State College
Tacoma
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.
Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommenders Title: Academic Dean
Contact Name: Karen Vargas
Recommendation Waiver Choice: I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.
Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 07/15/2023 04:08 PM
Recommendation Type: General
Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000110203669

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant.
Recommender Form: MPA Letter of Recommendation/Form
Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known applicant:	3 years	Applicant ability as self-directed learner:	The student is a self directed learner but her skill set excels in team work.
Time since last contact with applicant:	One week	Applicant as productive member of group:	The applicant is an excellent group member, taking responsibility for her part and being encouraging of everyone.
Relationship with Applicant:	Dean / Student	Applicant most significant strengths:	This student has a lot of wisdom as an activist working with multiple cultures and their team work is stellar.
Ability to complete rigorous grad program:	Very Good	Responsibility/reliability:	Excellent
Communication Skills - Oral:	Excellent	Communication skills - written:	Very Good
Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:	Outstanding	Ability to work independently:	Excellent
Ability to handle stress:	Excellent	Ability to think critically:	Outstanding
Ability to analyze/problem solve:	Outstanding	Ability to think creatively:	Outstanding
Openness to feedback:	Outstanding	Potential for leadership:	Outstanding
Ability to work in a team:	Outstanding	Personal/professional reflection:	Outstanding

Description Information

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Other Information

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To Whom It May Concern:

July 13th 2023

I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Karen Akuyea Vargas, who is applying for the Master's in Public Administration program at The Evergreen State College, Tacoma campus. I am sure that Karen Akuyea is well prepared to take on the challenges of this rigorous program. I will comment on a few ways I have observed Karen's learning process since she came to Evergreen Tacoma.

Karen Akuyea Vargas is a cultural custodian, genealogist and community leader. Her work has been championed throughout the state of Washington and in particular, Kitsap county. Karen Akuyea has actively challenged policies and worked to change monuments and permanent structures to better represent the rich cultural history that makes up the Pacific Northwest.

Karen Akuyea Vargas has spent considerable time working on the preservation of her family lineage through genealogy and the depiction of ancient African cultural art. She influenced the people in her community to gift their Africacn acquired art collections to the learning environments that could be enriched. For the multiple decades that Karen Akuyea has been a champion of social justice issues and the preservation of culture, her scholarly work now reflects her demonstrated commitment to the custodianship of culture in the Pacific Northwest. Karen Akuyea dedication to public administration of art, belonging and justice, makes her a very excellent candidate for your program.

I highly recommend Karen Akuyea Vargas as a candidate to your MPA program.

Sincerely,

Marcia Tate Arunga, PhD
Dean, The Evergreen State College, Tacoma campus