

Application Related Information

Application: Application Incomplete
Grad Program Applying To: MPA

Iteration Name: 202510_GR_G
Program Name: MPA

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Alicia Finch
Recommenders Institution: University of Washington
Multicultural Outreach and
Recruitment

Recommenders Title: Admissions Counselor

Contact Name:
Autumn Forespring

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

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

Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 04/04/2024 09:12 PM

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant.

Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Form: MPA Letter of
Recommendation/Form

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000118036780

Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known
applicant:

6 months

Applicant ability as self-directed learner: My estimate for Autumn as a self-directed learner is highly likely. Both the nature of the work she contributed too as well as her past experiences exemplified a learner that has an attention for details and a critical lens. Autumn is an assessor, she is adapt at focusing attention and can create materials completely self guided. Often times when working for Native communities, within western institutions, the work is self-directed because of how little context is provided to create programming for Tribal peoples. Autumn has had to maintain, create, and repair materials for Native student services.

Time since last contact with applicant:		Applicant as productive member of group:	Autumn is an over achiever; she helps community, family, colleagues, and supervisors all the same. She is an involved community member who I see regularly honoring her responsibilities to the work she is doing. The teams Autumn works for, receive her diligent support, historical knowledge, and a love for those she's serving. A strength I noticed, is her ability to listen intently and then bring what she's learned into practice.
	Days		
Relationship with Applicant:		Applicant most significant strengths:	As mentioned, Autumn is skilled at observing, listening, and adapting. The experience she brings into spaces are teachings from community. Autumn dedicates herself to the work she does, because it actively affects her and her community. I have seen her be a steward of institutional knowledge and I have full confidence that a graduate degree in Public Administration with a focus in Tribal Governance will be a benefit to both Autumn and the school she attends.
	Co-counselors		
Ability to complete rigorous grad program:	Excellent	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:	Excellent
Openness to feedback:	Excellent	Potential for leadership:	Very Good
Ability to work in a team:	Excellent	Personal/professional reflection:	Excellent

Description Information

Description:

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

Other Information

Created Time: 03/15/2024 06:34 PM

Created By: Josephine Bernier

Modified Time: 04/04/2024 09:12 PM

Modified By: Josephine Bernier

Dear Evergreen College Admissions Review Panel,

Please excuse the delays to submit this recommendation, and I hope my words can still be considered towards Autumn's application. I had the pleasure of working alongside Autumn at the University of Washington Office of Multicultural Outreach and Recruitment specializing in American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) students and communities. There I saw Autumn's dedication and complex understanding of tribal communities in Washington state as well as the higher education system. She is incredibly knowledgeable about the processes and procedures, as well as intentional about providing accurate information to the communities she serves. I also saw her research skills that she would independently employ for projects relating to University Tribal policies .

These characteristics are imperative when working with Tribal nations and developing government to government relations. I recommend her for the Masters in Public Administration with a focus in Tribal Governance because she has been building the networks, materials, and skills that this program works to develop. I have relied on Autumn to effectively communicate and comprehend the impacts of policies on Tribal communities, while also concentrating on enhancing the existing systems that affect Native people. At the University of Washington, Autumn was responsible for reporting to the external Native American Advisory Board, which served as a platform for Tribal communities to exercise decision-making authority on campus policies. Autumn was highly respected by board leaders and was tasked with reporting the on-the-ground impacts. Here is another example of Autumn's ability to attend advisory board meetings prepared to articulate the needs of current and prospective students while maintaining grace in the presence of tribal and institutional leaders.

Other duties that would require a critical perspective and independent research was Tribal verification, honoring the Universities obligations to nations, and upholding cultural protocol. She was usually the only subject matter expert for policy impacts on students, both as a previous student and a current staff. Autumn is a candidate who has current knowledge as well as the potential to expand her advocacy abilities with further education and resources. She would bring patience, historical knowledge, and an analytical lens to Evergreen College. Thank you for your consideration and I will be available to answer further questions.

Best,

Alicia Finch