

#### Application Related Information

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Application: Application Incomplete  
Grad Program Applying To: MPA

Iteration Name: 202510\_GR\_G  
Program Name: MPA

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By: Kyle Pittman  
Recommenders Institution: Evergreen State College/  
NPP

Recommenders Title: Member of faculty

Contact Name:  
Amy Imamura

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:  
04/01/2024 09:34 PM

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant  
with reservation.

Recommendation Type:  
General

Recommender Form: MPA Letter of  
Recommendation/Form

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000117920980

Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

#### Recommender Form Questions

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How long have you known  
applicant:

3 years

Applicant ability as self-directed learner: Amy certainly has the  
potential to be a self-directed  
learner, particularly when she  
knows she has institutional  
resources and support from  
the learning community. If  
given clear direction and the  
chance to connect the work to  
her personal goals, Amy has  
no problem in this regard.  
However, there were times  
where her drive to be  
self-directed waned and this  
reflected in her ability to  
complete coursework.

Time since last contact with  
applicant:

Several days

Applicant as productive member of group: Amy works extremely well in  
groups and exhibits  
leadership qualities that make  
for a productive member in  
many group settings. When  
peers are involved, Amy  
strives to set a good example  
for others and this  
encourages her own  
productivity and engagement.

Relationship with Applicant:		Applicant most significant strengths:	Amy's most significant and relevant strengths come from her ability communicate well with others, to articulate her own views and positions effectively, and to critically analyze how different circumstances for any given situation might be affecting one's interpretation of data/evidence. Amy is certainly a strong thinker and she clearly leverages this ability in the classroom. I also believe her values of community and commitment to service align with the mission of MPA.
	Professor		
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:	Very Good
Ability to handle stress:	Below Average	Ability to think critically:	Excellent
Ability to analyze/problem solve:	Very Good	Ability to think creatively:	Excellent
Openness to feedback:	Excellent	Potential for leadership:	Excellent
Ability to work in a team:	Outstanding	Personal/professional reflection:	Above Average

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Description Information

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Other Information

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Date: April 1, 2024

RE: Letter of Recommendation for  
**Amy Imamura**

To the Master of Public Administration Admissions Committee,

My name is Kyle Pittman and I am a Member of the Faculty at The Evergreen State College where I am assigned to teach with the Native Pathways Program. I am writing this letter of recommendation for **Amy Imamura** to support her application for admission to the Master of Public Administration program at The Evergreen State College.

I met Amy during her time as a student in the Native Pathways Program (NPP) at Evergreen. Amy stood out to me as an individual who takes her education seriously as she was present for every class session, willingly engaged in class activities, and strove to create an inclusive learning environment for all students as she recognized how this enriched her own experience in the classroom. Amy demonstrated this strong learning spirit by improving her reading, writing, and comprehension abilities during her time in the NPP and even moved into a mentorship role with incoming students to the program as she was perceived as a friendly and supportive member of our community. Indeed, Amy embodied what it means to be of service to others. As another example of this, Amy was an elected officer for NPP's Student Governance, a body of students responsible for assisting in facilitating the curriculum and expanding on academic and social opportunities for NPP students. Under Amy's guidance and leadership, a successful graduation ceremony was held in both 2022 and 2023. Amy's participation and support for these events proved vital and depicts her ability to work well with others through her willingness to both accept and give direction.

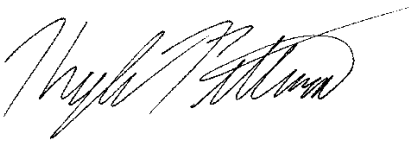
Regarding coursework, Amy was someone who sought to challenge herself. She would settle on research topics that meant a lot to her personally and strove to write about them in an articulate, credible manner. She sometimes exceeded requirements for assignments. Amy also

struck an important balance between her commitments for class and her commitments outside of college, an aspect that speaks to her time management skills and ability to prioritize. Most notably, Amy demonstrated immense personal growth during her time in the NPP, particularly with her public speaking and presentation abilities. Indeed, Amy grew to be a wonderful speaker and someone who could be a voice for other students.

Overall, there are some areas for improvement. While Amy was clearly dedicated to her studies and had the fullest of intentions on completing every assignment, there were occasions where she fell short of the full scope of the coursework. Amy also needed reassurance and explicit guidance to find success at times, which she usually found either from fellow students or by working with faculty members directly. Additionally, Amy's follow through on meeting the highest expectations for major research projects was sometimes inconsistent. While I believe Amy is fully capable of overcoming these instances and achieving success in your program, there are times where firm expectations are needed to encourage her growth.

With that being said, it is my pleasure to recommend with reservation that Amy be accepted into the Master of Public Administration program. If there are any questions, please reach out to me with the contact information below.

Sincerely,



Kyle Pittman, MPA

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