

Application Related Information

Application: Application Not Verified
Grad Program Applying To: MPA

Iteration Name: 202510_GR_G
Program Name: MPA

Recommendation Information

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

Recommenders Title: Professor/ Faculty
Contact Name: Brianna Perry
Recommendation Waiver Choice: I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.
Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 06/19/2024 03:00 PM
Recommendation Type: General
Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000118898572

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: Over two quarters in 2022-23
Time since last contact with applicant: 1 year
Relationship with Applicant: Faculty
Ability to complete rigorous grad program: Excellent
Communication Skills - Oral: Outstanding
Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy: Excellent
Ability to handle stress: Unable to Judge
Ability to analyze/problem solve: Very Good
Openness to feedback: Outstanding
Ability to work in a team: Outstanding

Applicant ability as self-directed learner: See attached letter
Applicant as productive member of group: See attached letter
Applicant most significant strengths: See attached letter
Responsibility/reliability: Excellent
Communication skills - written: Excellent
Ability to work independently: Outstanding
Ability to think critically: Excellent
Ability to think creatively: Outstanding
Potential for leadership: Excellent
Personal/professional reflection: Excellent

Description Information

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Other Information

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To The Evergreen State College Masters In Public Administration Program

I recently completed my 28th year as the longest serving psychology faculty member at The Evergreen State College, and am a licensed psychologist in private practice in the State of Washington with 32 years of clinical experience. Previously, I taught at Ball State University and Kansas State University during my doctoral training, and am an active member of the psychology field from the local to the international level. **Brianna Perry** requested that I write her a letter of recommendation for admission to your program and I am pleased to support her efforts.

Brianna is a bright, motivated, and productive adult student with many years of career work and parenting experience to draw on as she pursues personal, academic, and career goals. She studied with me over two quarters in advanced psychology programs during the 2022-23 academic year (including *Personality and Social Psychology: Who Do You Think You Are?*; and *Positive Psychology and Well-being Theory*) and was an engaged and conscientious student producing compelling work, and helping build a thriving learning community.

Brianna exhibited high quality verbal and written communication skills and uses these along with her maturing cognitive abilities (comprehension, analysis, integration of concepts and themes, etc.) to examine herself, others, and the world. I teach psychology as a science and was pleased with Brianna's growth over time in learning to examine claims for their support or refutation.

One of Brianna's main strengths is her relevant and judicious voice in the classroom. She documented strong skill in applying psychological science to everyday life and I could count on her to quickly engage with others and maintain small and large group discussions on the topics of the day. Brianna is adept in connecting with her peers and faculty, and was fully capable of becoming a part of a vital member of her cohort.

Overall, I was impressed with her evolving social maturity and wisdom (kenntnis), which comes from ongoing learning from experience of life, and less so from book learning (wissenschaft). She was committed to her education and submitted written work that documented strong and consistent development. She produced interesting and thought-provoking papers, which conveyed impressive assimilation and accommodation across interdisciplinary learning.

I believe Brianna's intelligence and passion for learning serve her well. Her numerous skills of character (creativity, curiosity, open-mindedness, leadership, teamwork, perspective, courage, kindness, humor, etc.) led her to be an unassuming

and enthusiastic leader in classroom seminars and discussions, as well as a respected and likable peer.

I am supportive of Brianna's pursuit of graduate level training. Her only needs are continued perseverance, and the advanced knowledge base and application of the skills that your program can provide her. I am pleased to recommend Brianna for admission into your program.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Hurst', with a stylized, cursive script.

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