

Application Related Information

Application: Application Verified
Grad Program Applying To: MPA

Iteration Name: 202510_GR_G
Program Name: MPA

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Bryan Powell
Recommenders Institution: South Puget Sound CC
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.

Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Received Date: 03/27/2024 02:30 PM

Recommendation Type: General

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000118122034

Recommenders Title: Dean

Contact Name: Jesse Pestana

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

Recommendation Status: Received

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:

5 years

Time since last contact with applicant:

Today

Relationship with Applicant:

His supervisor

Ability to complete rigorous grad program:

Outstanding

Communication Skills - Oral:

Outstanding

Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:

Outstanding

Ability to handle stress: Excellent

Applicant ability as self-directed learner: Jesse is a strong self-directed learner. I routinely give him projects and tasks that he follows through on his own. This requires him to develop a plan, do research (if necessary), and then complete the action. I have had no concerns about his ability as a self-directed learner.

Applicant as productive member of group: Excellent. He particularly enjoys working with a team and helping a team to be successful.

Applicant most significant strengths: Jesse is very personable, a great team player, committed to seeing a task through to the finish, and a strong devotion to student success and diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Responsibility/reliability: Excellent

Communication skills - written: Excellent

Ability to work independently: Outstanding

Ability to think critically: Excellent

Ability to analyze/problem solve: Excellent

Openness to feedback: Outstanding

Ability to work in a team: Outstanding

Ability to think creatively: Excellent

Potential for leadership: Excellent

Personal/professional reflection: Outstanding

Description Information

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

Other Information

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March 23, 2024

The Evergreen State College
2700 Evergreen Pkwy NW
Olympia, WA 98505

Dear Evergreen State College Admissions Review Board:

It is with great enthusiasm that I write today to recommend Jesse Pestana for admittance to the Evergreen State College Master of Public Administration program for Fall 2024.

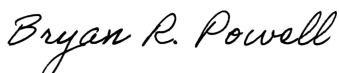
Jesse has worked as the division assistant for SPSCC's Natural & Applied Sciences division since the Spring of 2014, and has worked directly under me since the Spring of 2019. In that time, I have found him to be a collaborative and thoughtful member of a diverse and dedicated team, as well as a skilled writer and communicator with keen analytical skills, which will serve him well in your program.

In our time working together, I have been impressed by his commitment to matters of equity, access and justice. He has been involved in equity work on our campus, as a senior member of the planning committee for the Queer I Am conference, and strives to use his privilege and high degree of emotional intelligence to be an advocate for members of his community.

Jesse is adept at staying attuned to the operational principles and big-picture goals of an institution and reflecting on how institutional policy informs those goals, and vice versa. I have known him to quote relevant WACs and RCWs when discussing operational plans, and he will familiarize himself with each update to faculty collective bargaining agreements in order to ensure that he operates in alignment with those guidelines.

Jesse has faced immense personal losses in the past few years, yet he continues to bring his positive, upbeat energy to the workplace and to his role as club advisor for the college's Gaming Club which he founded in 2019. I have no doubt that Jesse has the perseverance, commitment and sensitivity to succeed in your program and that his presence will enrich the experience of the other students.

Sincerely,



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