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**Application Related Information**

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Application: Application Not Verified  
Grad Program Applying To: MPA

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

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**Recommendation Information**

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Recommended By: George Bridges  
Recommenders Institution: The Evergreen State College

Recommenders Title: Faculty Member

Contact Name: Katrina Twiddy

Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.

Recommendation Waiver Choice: I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.

Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 04/28/2024 10:53 PM

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant without reservation.

Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Form: MPA Letter of Recommendation/Form

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000118296810

Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

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**Recommender Form Questions**

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How long have you known applicant: Since 2021... 3 years

Applicant ability as self-directed learner: Exceptionally strong.

Time since last contact with applicant: A few weeks

Applicant as productive member of group: She worked well in my class with others.

Relationship with Applicant: She was my student

Applicant most significant strengths: Talented, hardworking, strong writer, critical thinker.

Ability to complete rigorous grad program: Outstanding

Responsibility/reliability: Outstanding

Communication Skills - Oral: Excellent

Communication skills - written: Outstanding

Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy: Very Good

Ability to work independently: Outstanding

Ability to handle stress: Outstanding

Ability to think critically: Excellent

Ability to analyze/problem solve: Outstanding

Ability to think creatively: Unable to Judge

Openness to feedback: Excellent

Potential for leadership: Outstanding

Ability to work in a team: Unable to Judge

Personal/professional reflection: Outstanding

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**Description Information**

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**Other Information**

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April 28, 2024  
Graduate Admissions  
Masters in Public Administration

### Letter of Reference for Katrina Twiddy

Katrina Twiddy as a student of mine in the Fall of 2021. Our class, Achieving the Ideal?, studied the question of whether the policies and practices of our justice system provide the stated idea of "Equal Justice Under law." Katrina entered the class with interests and a deep understanding the justice system. She was a strong student who contributed actively to our seminar discussions, periodically questioning and commenting on the issues and material we were studying.

Despite carrying a heavy load of courses along many personal responsibilities, Katrina fully engaged the readings, lectures, and documentaries we studied. Further, she listened attentively to the remarks of our guest speakers – all practicing professionals in criminal justice or academic scholars. Finally, Katrina's written work effectively documented her knowledge about the issues and research we discussed and evaluated.

The three main writing assignments in the class took of the form of expository essays in which students were expected to respond to specific prompts about problems in our legal system. Their task was to incorporate the findings of published social science research along with their observations of documentaries and the remarks of guest speakers in their essay responses. Katrina's essays were among the strongest and most clearly written in the class. They conveyed her 1) understanding of the policies and practices of justice officials, 2) knowledge about the research and documentaries we studied, and 3) grasp of social science explanations of issues like the police use of deadly force or the dramatic expansion of prosecutors' power in criminal justice over the past 50 years.

As the instructor, I appreciated Katrina's presence in the course, her contributions to our seminars, and the strong quality of her writing. And by virtue of her interests, she contributed to our seminars in ways that benefitted the entire class.

I strongly support Katrina's admission to our MPA-Tribal Governance Program. She is a superb student and will thrive in the program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. S. Bridges'.

George Bridges, PhD  
Member of the Faculty and Past President  
The Evergreen State College