

Application Related Information

Application: Application Incomplete
Grad Program Applying To: MPA

Iteration Name: 202510_GR_G
Program Name: MPA

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Dawn Barron
Recommenders Institution: Native Pathways Program
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.
Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommenders Title: Director
Contact Name: Joseph Utzler
Recommendation Waiver Choice: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.
Recommendation Status: Received

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Recommendation Type: General
Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000117881496

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:	around 6 years	Applicant ability as self-directed learner:	Joseph demonstrated the ability to be a strong, capable self-directed learner throughout his studies with NPP. I estimate that Joseph will not have many challenges within this area of learning.
Time since last contact with applicant:	a week	Applicant as productive member of group:	Excellent -- Joseph is a powerful leader and a strong, fair team player who enjoys group dynamics and group work. Joseph is also a great teacher with patience and encouragement, both important elements in group work.
Relationship with Applicant:	professor, community mentor	Applicant most significant strengths:	Leadership, Oral Storytelling and Communication, Lived experiences that provide Joseph with an inclusive and accepting perspective on life.
Ability to complete rigorous grad program:	Very Good	Responsibility/reliability:	Outstanding
Communication Skills - Oral:	Outstanding	Communication skills - written:	Very Good
Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:	Outstanding	Ability to work independently:	Outstanding
Ability to handle stress:	Excellent	Ability to think critically:	Excellent
Ability to analyze/problem solve:	Excellent	Ability to think creatively:	Outstanding

Openness to feedback: Excellent

Potential for leadership: Outstanding

Ability to work in a team: Excellent

Personal/professional
reflection: Excellent

Description Information

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Other Information

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To whom it may concern:

RE: Joseph Utzler | MPA applicant 2024

In my position as director and faculty member in the Native Pathways Program, I have worked closely with Joseph Utzler during his studies at TESC. Joseph has maintained close contact with NPP following graduating in 2022 and is a vital community member. Joseph exhibited strong leadership, an open-mind, and excellent community building through peer mentorship, sharing oral storytelling lessons, and cultural arts. Joseph's academic skills were best demonstrated within the creative critical inquiry projects through his writing, handwork cultural arts, story work and research through a culturally relevant lens.

Regarding Joseph applying his knowledge and skills to successfully completing the MPA degree, he is without a doubt capable of completing quality work. Joseph may need reiteration of specific requirements of an assignment, as he can lean toward the creative approach (perfectly acceptable within the humanities and perhaps not as viable in public administration). I also believe that it will be a challenge, in a positive way, for Joseph to contain his work within a succinct manner simply because he is such a prolific storyteller. He has an excellent work ethic, professionally and academically; and most importantly, wants to continue his higher education journey to not only increase his own personal knowledge but to bring his teachings back into the (tribal) community. I recommend Joseph for enrollment in the MPA program and believe he will be an asset and positive member of your learning community.

Please let me know if you would like more information. Thank you for your time & consideration.

In grit & unity,

Dawn Barron

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