

Application Related Information

Application: Application Incomplete
Grad Program Applying To: MPA

Iteration Name: 202510_GR_G
Program Name: MPA

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Julie Youngs
Recommenders Institution: Squaxin Island Tribe
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.

Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

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Recommendation Type: General

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000117070844

Recommenders Title: Education Director

Contact Name: Kassidy Whitener

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

Recommendation Status: Received

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant without reservation.

Recommender Form: MPA Letter of Recommendation/Form

Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known applicant:

15 years

Time since last contact with applicant:

1 month

Relationship with Applicant:

Professional then personal

Ability to complete rigorous grad program:

Outstanding

Communication Skills - Oral:

Outstanding

Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:

Outstanding

Ability to handle stress:

Outstanding

Ability to analyze/problem solve:

Outstanding

Applicant ability as self-directed learner: Kassidy has always been a self-directed learner. She sets her personal goals and checks off the boxes until she is successful. She has overcome tremendous adversity to be a successful student, her successes are a testimony to her ability to push herself despite life's curveballs.

Applicant as productive member of group: Kassidy brings energy, enthusiasm and creativity to any group lucky enough to have her as a team member.

Applicant most significant strengths: Perseverance, resilience, intelligence, empathy, tenacity, extraordinary life experience. This list could go on and on

Responsibility/reliability: Outstanding

Communication skills - written: Outstanding

Ability to work independently: Outstanding

Ability to think critically: Outstanding

Ability to think creatively: Outstanding

Openness to feedback: Outstanding

Potential for leadership: Outstanding

Ability to work in a team: Outstanding

Personal/professional
reflection: Outstanding

Description Information

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Other Information

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SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

January 23, 2024

To Whom it May Concern,

As the previous High School Student Advocate for the Squaxin Island Tribe I had the honor of working closely with Kassidy throughout her high school career, previous to that I knew her as a spirited elementary kid who participated in our recreation programming. We have stayed close since she graduated high school.

Kassidy is an extremely resilient person who can turn challenges into opportunities. Kassidy is exceptionally intelligent and is one of the most motivated people I have had the pleasure of knowing, she simply does not let anything stand in her way, she is very goal oriented and has found a purpose in serving Indian Country. Her ability to relate to people, to listen and learn, is enviable. Her success at the University of Washington is a testament to her drive, organizational skills and fortitude. Her mother was critically injured during Kassidy's junior year in high school and Kassidy was thrust into the role of primary caregiver, somehow, she was able to juggle her schooling and her responsibilities at home, she figured out how to keep it together and how to continue to push herself to become a successful college graduate. Since graduation she has travelled extensively working with tribes to improve their justice systems.

Kassidy loves to learn, and she is passionate about her work in Indian Country. Kassidy organizes her time, prioritizes her schedule, and is still able to make sure she takes care of her own wellness. She is focused on continuing her journey to gain knowledge and education that she can utilize to work with indigenous communities to improve systems. She is already very knowledgeable about tribal systems, having worked with tribes from remote Alaska to urban settings in Washington State, and having the opportunity to be a graduate student at TESC would enable her to continue the work she is most passionate about. She will bring a lot to a classroom, her positive energy, her curiosity, and her unique experience as an indigenous woman. TESC would be lucky to have Kassidy on campus and as a student.

Sincerely,

Julie Youngs

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