

To Whom it May Concern;

No matter what I do in life, I want my career to be helping others. I have spent most of my life helping others build life skills by sharing positive life and communication skills. I have done this in many ways mostly working with people. I would mentor while we helped an elder with yard work, during my time as board chair on a non-profit for at risk youth.

Enrolling at The Evergreen State College was a huge endeavor for me to embark on because, I had never thought of myself as college material growing up. Yet now I was ready! During my final two years as an undergraduate student, I learned life skill building is more than listening, writing, reading, and evaluations. From small group work, I learned how to be flexible by sharing views so that we, as a society can work together and become stronger as a whole. I learned how to be flexible in any situation. I also learned to adjust and balance unexpected situations into a positive outcome for everyone involved. Through these experiences at Evergreen I've become a positive asset to whatever team I am in because I regularly plan for all scenarios and can "think outside the box" with any task I am given.

I had many epiphanies at Evergreen. My first class focused on reflecting on helping others. It introduced me to Evergreen's accepting, nourishing learning culture. I learned to write out my thoughts and feelings and recognize my accomplishments. This helps me step back and look at my views and guide myself through any issues that may arise. Stepping back also allows me to be able to understand what others are going through in most situations. In the Authentic Self program, I learned how to turn my weaknesses into strengths through many intense yet fulfilling, hands on workshops.

In the Gateways for Incarcerated Youth program I learned about the prison system and juvenile justice by mentoring incarcerated youth. The Youth have taught me that they are individuals. That are very talented, articulate, and funny. I learned that people come from all walks of life, everyone handles their own situations in the way they feel is best. This helps me prepare to work with anybody from any culture, obstacles and values.

I recently obtained a master's degree from University of the People UoPeople in Business Management. With the lessons I'm learning currently blending in with the life lessons running Coopers Chicken for the Chehalis Tribe, being board chair, and creating, and running a successful cultural canoe program, I have become even more flexible, and I continue to do so, with virtually every situation.

Academic success at Evergreen, and UoPeople, is solely on the student. At the end of my time at Evergreen, I've learned that no matter what path I choose to travel in life, I will be an asset and I will make whatever career I choose a better place.

My heart has been strongly connected to helping others succeed. During my life's journey, I have surrounded myself to helping people and making their day better, even if my time with them is brief. I will continue to seek to strengthen level of success by helping everyone (myself included) to have a better life.

Evergreen has taught me that the world is always constantly changing and growing. If we are always open to constantly changing and growing within ourselves, our work, along with our community, we will be stronger and more successful, individually, and collectively.

I look forward to using my skills, by helping others in our community and continuing to learn and grow!

This may be the ending of this paper, but it is not the end of my journey or my life experiences/lessons.