

Application Reference Form

Applicant

Applicant Meredith Blythe Ponder

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Waiver Signature Meredith Blythe Ponder

Recommender

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Signature Beth Wilson

Recommender Information

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Position/Title Director of Alumni and Donor Communications

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How long have you known the applicant? (years) 0.83

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Skills and Abilities

Analytical/Conceptual Skills: Upper 25% (Above Avg)
The applicant shows the ability to analyze and evaluate processes and procedures.

Integrity: The applicant demonstrates ethical behavior both personally and professionally. Upper 10% (Excellent)

Intellectual Ability: The applicant is capable of excelling within a challenging academic environment and persists under challenging circumstances. Upper 10% (Excellent)

Leadership Skills: The applicant is capable of excelling within a challenging academic environment and persists under challenging circumstances. Upper 25% (Above Avg)

Oral Communication Skills: The applicant demonstrates the necessary oral communication needed to successfully work in Upper 25% (Above Avg)

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both an individual and collaborative setting.

Organizational Skills: The applicant is able to prioritize responsibilities and complete tasks in a timely manner.

Upper 10% (Excellent)

Written Communication Skills: The applicant demonstrates the necessary written communication needed to successfully work in both an individual and collaborative setting.

Upper 50% (Average)

Recommendation

My recommendation for this applicant:

Recommend Highly

Text

Meredith is determined to excel. I've worked with her for 10 months and supervised her for eight, and I've witnessed her strong work ethic, perseverance in problem solving, and passion for individual development. She actively seeks out opportunities to experience, engage, and learn, and she operates with high expectations for herself.

She tackles challenges with intellect and professionalism that belie her young age. She readily seeks out information she does not have, eagerly contributes information and ideas, and seems to recognize the strength of collaboration. While I've been in the workforce far longer, I believe I can pick up some useful tips from her regarding organization and prioritization.

Like all of us, Meredith has room for growth. She recognizes that, and she aims to develop and strengthen skills and contributions through Drake's MPA program. I'm confident she will.