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Advisement Center

Date: April 21, 2016
To: Lisa Lindquist, Dean of Students Office
From: Stephanie Hands, Director of Advisement 
Subject: Posthumous Degree Joshua Duran

Dear Mrs. Lindquist –

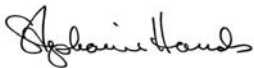
Please accept this memo as support for awarding a posthumous Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry to Joshua Duran. I have attached a degree audit for supporting evidence of his exemplary academic record and his level of completion for this degree.

At the time of Joshua's passing he was well into his senior year at UNM. His consistent stellar gpa put him at above a 4.0 for over half of his semesters with a cumulative gpa that would qualify him to graduate Summa Cum Laude.

He is ten hours short of the minimum number of earned hours to graduate and just 12 hours short of completing the major. His minor in chemistry is already complete, as is core and all other university requirements. If you were to plan out his last two semesters and project completion of the Fall 2014 semester, he would have easily finished his degree by Fall 2015.

There is no doubt in the College's or the Biology Department's mind that Joshua would have graduated in the top of his class and gone on to accomplish great things. The College of Arts & Sciences and Biology Department recognize this incredible loss to our community and support any honor we can give Joshua and his family.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Hands
College of Arts & Sciences