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To : Vivian Valencia, University Secretary  
From: Laura Crossey, Professor and Departmental UG Advisor, EPS  
Date: February 15, 2010  
Subject: Posthumous Degree request, A. Forsythe

The Department of Earth & Planetary Sciences requests that UNM award a posthumous degree in the name of Ashley Forsythe. Ms. Forsythe had completed most of her degree prior to her untimely death in December, 2009 (Banner ID 101157854).

The degree is a **Bachelor of Science in Earth & Planetary Sciences**. Her minor was Distributed Sciences. Ms. Forsythe may also be eligible for **University Honors** and we request that this also be noted.

In brief, Ashley entered UNM already firmly dedicated to becoming a volcanologist. She enrolled in a Freshman Learning Community that had a geology emphasis. She sought advisement in her first semester to assure that she was taking appropriate coursework. Ashley declared the BS major in EPS as well as the Distributed minor associated with that degree with the stated intention of preparing herself for graduate study. She was an excellent student in her core courses: she had completed all but the final core course in Structural geology (which she would have been taking this semester) and the required Field Camp- which she would have taken this summer. Several electives in the degree and minor also would have been taken this spring. Some of her supporting coursework was taken at CNM. Ashley was also an intern for the United States Geological Survey, an excellent indicator of her commitment to the degree and profession.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If there is any additional information needed, please contact Dr. Laura Crossey at 277-5349 or [lcrossey@unm.edu](mailto:lcrossey@unm.edu).



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To : Kathleen Sena and Cindy Mortensen, Office of the Registrar  
From: John W. Geissman, Chair and Laura Crossey, Departmental Advisor  
Date: February 8, 2010  
Subject: Posthumous Degree request, A. Forsythe

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The Department is having a memorial ceremony on Friday, February 12. We request that the certificate be prepared in time for the afternoon presentation to Ashley's parents. Thank you for your attention to this matter. If there is any additional information needed, please contact Dr. Laura Crossey at 277-5349 or [lcrossey@unm.edu](mailto:lcrossey@unm.edu).