



Posthumous Degree Request Form

Request Initiator: CALEB RICHARDSON Contact: CWR@UNM.EDU

Relationship to student or UNM: UNM HISTORY ASSOCIATE CHAIR

Would you like the Dean of Students to contact the family regarding this request? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Dean of Students Notification: _____

Student Name:	HERBERT NIKOLAUS VON HAAS		
Student ID:	101-85-0025		
College:	ARTS & SCIENCES	Degree:	BA
Major(s):	HISTORY		
Concentration(s):			
Minor(s):	MILITARY STUDIES		

The University of New Mexico recognizes that earning an academic degree is a matter of legitimate pride in achievement not only for students themselves but also for the family members and friends who provide students with vitally important support and encouragement during the course of their studies. UNM also recognizes that not only the degree, but also significant progress in an academic program is, under certain circumstances, an achievement which warrants special recognition.

Accordingly, the University of New Mexico will make available "posthumous degrees" of appropriate type and level to be bestowed upon a student who dies before s/he is able to complete his/her program.

These degrees may be granted under the following circumstances and terms:

1. The student must be in degree status and either currently enrolled or enrolled in the academic year previous to his/her death;
2. The student must have completed a minimum of half of the credits required for the degree;
3. Requests for posthumous degrees may be initiated by the student's family, the faculty of the department and/or college, or a UNM administrator;
4. The department, the college and the Faculty Senate must approve requests for posthumous degrees. The Senate Graduate Committee must also review and provide recommendation on requests for graduate level posthumous degrees;
5. The degree will be noted as "posthumous" on both the diploma and the transcript.

Approvals	Name	Signature	Date
Department : Melissa Bokovoy, Chair		<i>Melissa K. Bokovoy</i>	4/21/2023
College : Joanna M. Camacho Escobar, Supv	ASCAS	<i>Joanna M. Camacho Escobar</i>	6/8/2023
Grad. Committee (if necessary):			
Faculty Senate:			



ARTS & SCIENCES CENTER FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Date: 5 September 2023

To: UNM Faculty Senate – Posthumous Undergraduate Degrees

From: Dr. Joanna Camacho Escobar, Humanities & Interdisciplinary Studies Advisement
Supervisor

Re: Herbert Von Haas, Posthumous BA History

The former student, Mr. Herbert Von Hass, was on track to complete his Bachelor's Degree in History with a minor in Military Studies before passing away shortly after the end of the Spring 2022 semester.

At the time, the student needed 1 credit hour towards the General Education Requirement Area 3 Physical & Natural Sciences, 1 credit hour towards the History major, and had completed the minor in Military Studies. The student had earned an overall 158 credit hours and had maintained a 4.1 UNM GPA since returning to UNM in Fall 2019.

Lisa Lindquist

From: Marie Von Haas
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 10:18 AM
To: Lisa Lindquist
Subject: Herbert N. (Bruno) von Haas 101850025

Dear Lisa Lindquist,
Please find a brief biography which I have composed about my husband, Herbert N. (Bruno) von Haas: 28 Oct 1947-25 Oct 2022.

He had nearly completed all his undergraduate courses at UNM before his passing. It would give his family and me great joy to receive his BA degree in History posthumously should UNM decide to award it.

In 2018 Bruno chose to accompany his wife to the University of New Mexico as she pursued her Doctorate degree. He joyfully spent the remainder of his life as a student at the university working on a second undergraduate degree. It was his desire to continue at UNM as a History graduate student.

Bruno was loved by all. He was a good and compassionate friend. He sparked joy, had an infectious smile, and weird sense of humor.

Throughout his seventy-five years, his life was full and exciting as he transitioned from occupation to occupation and relocated many times within the United States and other countries.

He earned his first undergraduate degree from Central Missouri State University at which time he was also in ROTC and was commissioned an Army officer (1972).

His "Glory Days" were in Special Operations as a "Green Beret." He performed his most interesting missions out of Bad Tölz and Berlin, Germany. He was a Special Forces Team Leader of an Operations Detachment (ODA-1 Urban), 1/10th SFG(A) from 1975-1978 and a Counter Terrorist Team Leader Unit 6, Detachment "A" 39th Special Forces Berlin Brigade from 1978-1980.

He was also assigned to the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado (1981-84). He was the Commander of CS/E Company, 1-8th Infantry, 3rd Battalion for twenty-three months.

After leaving the military Bruno was a Licensed Practical Nurse in Colorado for over twenty-five years working with developmentally challenged youth and also the aging.

Kind regards,

Marie

Marie von Haas, MA

PhD Candidate - Department of History

GPSA Council HGSA Representative