



## Posthumous Degree Request Form

Request Initiator: James D. Stone Contact: jstone@unm.edu

Relationship to student or UNM: Chair, Film and Digital Arts

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

Dean of Students Notification: Patrick Rael (father), patrick.rael@transcoretech.com

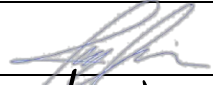

Student Name:	Felix Rael		
Student ID:	101352250		
College:	College of Fine Arts	Degree: BFA	
Major(s):	Interdisciplinary Film and Digital Media		
Concentration(s):	Production		
Minor(s):			

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 :	James D. Stone		08/26/20
College :	Harris D Smith		8/26/20
Grad. Committee (if necessary):			
Faculty Senate:			



To: Faculty Senate; Regents of the University of New Mexico  
From: James D. Stone, Chair, Department of Film and Digital Arts  
Date: September 1, 2020  
Re: Posthumous Degree Request for Felix Rael

On recommendation of the Faculty of the Department of Film and Digital Arts, I hereby request the posthumous award of a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Film and Digital Media, Concentration in Production, to Felix Rael, 101352250.

Mr. Rael was a senior in good standing and maintained a 3.71 GPA in the major and a 3.61 GPA overall, despite struggling with health problems during his time at UNM. Before his death in May 2020, he had earned 167 hours towards the BFA, with only requirements in the major to complete. The Faculty ask that we honor his memory with a posthumous degree.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James D. Stone', written in a cursive style.

Dr. James D. Stone  
Chair, Film and Digital Arts  
University of New Mexico