



# UNM

## Posthumous Degree Request Form

Request Initiator: Lisa Lindquist Contact: 505-277-7878

Relationship to student or UNM: None - on behalf of family

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

Dean of Students Notification: 12/18/19

Student Name:	<u>Kiana Caalim</u>		
Student ID:	<u>101667192</u>		
College:	<u>Education</u>	Degree:	<u>B.S.</u>
Major(s):	<u>Community Health Education</u>		
Concentration(s):			
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:	<u>Christina Perry</u>	<u>Christina Perry</u>	<u>2/19/20</u>
College:	<u>DEBORAH RIFENBARY</u>	<u>Deborah Rifenburg</u>	<u>2/19/20</u>
Grad. Committee (if necessary):	<u>N/A</u>		
Faculty Senate:			

To: Faculty Senate Operations Committee

From: The Center for Student Success, College of Education

Date: April 2, 2020

Re: Request to award posthumous degree for Kiana Caalim, 101667192

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I am writing this memo of support for student Kiana Caalim, 101667192.

The College of Education and its faculty are requesting that the UNM Faculty Senate award a posthumous Bachelor of Science degree in Community Health Education.

Upon her absence from UNM the remaining course she had left to complete was BIOL 239L (4) with all other program coursework for her degree complete. Miss Caalim was in good standing with a 3.21 cumulative GPA.

We hope this memo provides support in that Miss Caalim was a good student and continued to work towards her degree until the Fall 2019 semester.

Please contact me if you have any additional questions.



Dr. Deborah Riftenbary  
College of Education Interim Dean