

Proposal for Posthumous Degree  
[REDACTED] – Civil Engineering

This is to request approval for a posthumous degree for [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was scheduled to graduate with his BS degree in civil engineering in May 2019 but passed away due to injuries in a motorcycle accident on September 20, 2017. He had 46 hours left to complete his degree. [REDACTED] graduated from St. Xavier High School in 2013 and attended Asbury College for one semester. He transferred to UK to pursue his degree in civil engineering in Spring 2014. During his time at UK, he participated in a Co-Op at Messer Construction. Messer Project Executive, Robby Arrasmith commented, "he was a hardworking and very intelligent young man that was always positive and smiling. He was trustworthy, and you could truly count on him. He was a soldier that I went into battle with multiple times on projects." At UK, he was very active in the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity and was newly initiated as the Brothers Chair prior to his accident. He was well-regarded for helping the new initiates get involved in community service and other activities throughout the UK. Away from campus, [REDACTED] was an extremely talented musician. With a friend, he started a popular local band, Trending Now, where he was a vocalist and guitarist. He always shared his gift of music with others on Spotify and YouTube. Finally, a man of great faith and integrity, [REDACTED] drove more than one hour each week to attend a Latin Mass in Louisville.

[REDACTED] has touched a number of other students at UK and many quotes were provided regarding his positive attitude and integrity. Sharing one, his classmate Michael Graehler stated "[REDACTED] was an extremely positive person; somebody who would always stop and start a conversation with you no matter how busy he was. I often reflect on and badly miss the 5-minute conversations we would have in the engineering courtyard or at the Johnson Center. No matter how stressful my day was, it always turned for the better after a conversation with [REDACTED]. His death left a hole that can never be fully filled in the heart of the engineering community at UK. [REDACTED] added more value to UK during his short time on earth than anybody will ever be able to fully understand".

In summary, I have no doubt that [REDACTED] and his family would be truly honored and happy to receive this posthumous degree.