

August 10, 2026

Dear Dr. Britton and Dr. Lyon, Co-Chairs of the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee:

I would like to request that Ms. Carmen Johnson, PhD in Department of Educational Leadership, College of Education be awarded a posthumous degree during the Fall 2026 commencement ceremony.

Ms. Carmen Johnson passed away on July 13, 2026. At that time, Ms. Johnson was a student from the Southeastern Michigan – Wayne County Community College District cohort, enrolled in the PhD program in the in Department of Educational Leadership, College of Education.

On behalf of the graduate faculty and the College of Education, Dr. Dora Perez, Assistant Director of Programs and Projects in the Department of Educational Leadership, expresses strong support for conferring a posthumous degree upon Ms. Johnson.

I strongly support the faculty and administrator's recommendation and request to award Ms. Johnson a posthumous degree. Ms. Johnson was in good academic and conduct standing.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this request. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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