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**TO:** Patrick Wolfe, Provost, and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity

**FROM:** Eric Barker, Acting Associate Provost for Graduate Programs

**DATE:** April 19, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Posthumous Degree Recommendation for the late Sara Brown, submitted by the Department of Human Development and Family Science in the College of Health and Human Sciences, West Lafayette

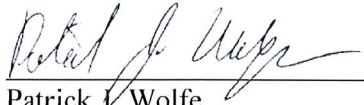
At its meeting on April 18, 2024, the Purdue University Graduate Council voted to recommend awarding, posthumously, a Non-Thesis Master of Science degree in Human Development and Family Science. Purdue University requires that at least 85 percent of the credit hour requirements have been completed including most of the requirements for the major.

The late Sara Brown, who died on August 25, 2023, meets the University's requirements for the conferral of a posthumous Non-Thesis Master of Science degree. During the review of Ms. Brown's records, the following were noted:

- Ms. Brown began her Purdue University graduate program in Fall 2021. She enrolled in the PhD program effective with the Fall 2021 session.
- Ms. Brown did not file a plan of study. However, she had satisfactorily completed 43 credits of coursework in the field which would have been eligible for use on a MS plan of study in this program.
- Ms. Brown's area of interest focused on the different types of media which children and families were using before bedtime and she was coding for the types of programs parents reported their child watching.

Given that Ms. Brown's coursework for the Master's program was fully completed, it is my conclusion that Ms. Brown meets the requirements to receive a posthumous Non-Thesis Master of Science degree in the Human Development and Family Science program.

Approval Recommended:



4/19/2024

Patrick J. Wolfe

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