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M E M O R A N D U M

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President

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Executive Vice President and Provost

SUBJECT: Degree in Memoriam for Christen Marie Johnson

Item Description

This request is for Board approval of the awarding of a “Degree In Memoriam” to the family of Ms. Christen Marie Johnson.

Overview and Background

Ms. Christen Marie Johnson was a student at TCC from August 2012-Fall 2014 and then again from January 2017-December 2019. She was studying to be a paralegal and would have graduated in May 2020 if she had not been in a fatal car accident in December. Both Ms. Johnson and her daughter Lindsey died due to the crash.

Ms. Johnson was an exceptional student with President’s and Dean’s List honors multiple semesters. Her daughter Toni Beagles has requested a posthumous degree for her mother to celebrate her life and accomplishments as earning her degree from TCC was something her mom was so proud of being able to earn at this stage in her life.

Funding/ Financial Implications

None

Past Actions by the Board

Approved Board Policy on Awarding Posthumous Degrees September 2012; approved degree in memoriam for Holly Anne Szilveszter April 2016 and David S. Lowe May 2019.

Recommended Action

Approve awarding of the degree in memoriam.