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See attached – forwarded per request of President Miles.

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Marcia,

Please forward to all Regents. Thx.

Dave

From: Tom Lacina [mailto:tom.lacina@gmail.com]
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Dave,

Please share this with the Board of Regents.

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August 2, 2010

Re: Words of recognition from family of Jon Lacina

Dear Dave,

Our son, Jon, died on the ISU campus in January of this year. Jon had a significant passion for art and was particularly fascinated with the use of computers in illustration and design. This love of computers and art is what led him to ISU in the fall of 2007, where he studied graphic design and found a home away from home. Jon was known as a quiet, kind and sensible artist and musician, with a pleasant wit and an easy smile. He was actively engaged in life and making good strides in his art when he died. Jon was in the company of friends, bantering with them and beating them at video games, on the evening of January 22 just before he disappeared. He was not found until April 14 when his body was discovered by an officer of the ISU Public Safety Department in the dairy pavilion building at the south edge of the ISU campus. There was much publicity about Jon's disappearance and his eventual discovery. The circumstances as to his death are unusual, but we are content that his death was the result of an accidental fall down a flight of obscured steps, a collision with a door and glass in the door, and hypothermia. All questions that could be answered beyond that have been.

The reason we are writing is to recognize the many people at Iowa State University who helped us during the months of searching for our son and the investigation process after his body was discovered on the ISU campus. This support came from all over campus.

We were honored and comforted when the College of Design's administration, faculty, and Jon's fellow students sent us many notes of comfort and gave special recognition to Jon's art in a small show of his work and then remembered him with the planting of a tree. Director of Public Safety at ISU, Jerry Stewart, along with his department, deserve special recognition. They did everything and more than one could expect during the months-long ordeal. Jerry had the tough job of communicating with us nearly daily as to what was happening in the search for Jon and dealing with our various requests, concerns and emotions. He was informative and realistic, yet compassionate. His most difficult responsibility occurred late the evening of April 14 when he had to tell us that a body had been found and it appeared likely to be our son's. Many others in his department were important to us—Officer Amanda Green, who was a special comfort to Alesia during the first few days of the search; Officer Nick Grossman, who along with others, pressed diligently forward to finally find Jon's body on April 14; and Sergeant Elliott Florer, who personally gathered Jon's belongings and brought them to our farm by Grinnell in July—are a few. Also, Sally Deters, Coordinator of Residence Life, and Matt Kutzli, System Support Specialist at the College of Design, worked with us and the Department of Public Safety to secure and store Jon's belongings and digital computer information.

We commend all at ISU for their fine work and kind responsiveness as to our son's disappearance and death.

Sincerely,



Tom & Alesia Lacina

cc: Gregory L. Geoffroy, President of Iowa State University, president@iastate.edu