

Masters in Linguistics Award Tribute

Dear Nicki and Mr. and Mrs. Rehn,

Once again, my sympathies to you in the passing of Steve. I know you are in the midst of making arrangements for Steve's memorial service on Saturday and so I don't want to complicate your lives any more than is necessary. But I thought it would be helpful if I were to send you this as soon as possible so that you could take it into consideration as you meet together with your family.

Just in case you weren't aware, Steve's MA in Linguistics graduation ceremony is slated to take place on Sat., Nov. 1. I know that Steve wasn't planning to attend, but I wanted you to be aware of this.

I have an additional reason for mentioning it. Normally, we don't give out the names of award recipients before a ceremony, but in this case I'm happy to make an exception. At this year's ceremony, Steve was to have been awarded our "MA in Linguistics Outstanding Student Award," which is "presented annually to the student who best exemplifies both academic excellence and fulfillment of the MA in Linguistics program objectives." Regretfully, we will be awarding this to Steve posthumously.

I'm not sure if you, Nicki, or anyone from your family would be able to attend the ceremony, but we would be honoured if someone from Steve's family were able to be present to accept the award (not to mention his diploma) on his behalf.

Sincerely,
Keith

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