



December 1, 2021

Dr. Susan Harden  
Faculty President  
UNC Charlotte

Dear Susan,

In accordance with the faculty policy concerning award of posthumous degrees and degrees in memoriam, I am forwarding a request from the Cato College of Education to issue a degree in memoriam:

**Name:** Raysheena C. Tuck  
**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts in Memoriam

The justification for the awarding of the degree is attached. I endorse this request and ask that it be considered for approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joan F. Lorden'.

Joan F. Lorden  
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Attachment

cc: Teresa Petty, Interim Dean, Cato College of Education  
Jon Reece, University Registrar  
Matt Wyse, Faculty Governance Assistant



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Provost Joan F. Lorden

**FROM:** Teresa Petty, Interim Dean *Teresa Petty*

**DATE:** November 30, 2021

**RE:** Request for Degree in Memoriam - Raysheena C. Tuck

I respectfully request a Degree in Memoriam for Raysheena C. Tuck (800572527). Ms. Tuck was a junior majoring in Pre Child & Family Development in the Cato College of Education. She touched the lives of numerous pre-K students over the last decade. She worked as a NC Pre-K educator in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School system. Obtaining her teaching degree in Early Childhood Education was a lifelong dream. Coming from a family of educators she learned from an early age that education was important and she was a firm believer that “when you are educated, no one can take that away from you.” As a student here at UNC-Charlotte her passion for children was evident. One of her instructors said, “In her discussion post she often spoke about leading by example. As a single mother she wanted to complete her degree so that she could serve as an example for her high school son. She wanted him to know that hard work pays off.” The impact that this educator had on the lives of her students and peers will always be remembered.