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Special ceremony for Rivier senior

I am writing today to tell you about a wonderful experience my family had recently. My son Joshua is a senior at Rivier University. His dad and I live in Fairfax, Va., formerly of Nashua. My husband is in the end stage of lung cancer and has hospice at home.

The president of Rivier University, Sister Paula Buley, knows Joshua from his involvement in clubs and SGA on campus. She heard about my husband's health and knew he would not make it to graduation, so she called Joshua when he was down for a week recently and said she wanted to come and perform a ceremony for him so that his father could see him graduate.

On Oct. 2, Sister Paula flew down to Washington to graduate Joshua. In addition to this incredibly humbling gesture, Sister Paula also brought along the alumni pin for Joshua to pin on my husband Michael, as he had graduated from the master's program at Rivier years earlier.

It was an emotional day, and we cannot begin to express our gratitude to everyone at Rivier University who helped Sister Paula get everything ready on short notice to come down here.

Thank you, Rivier University, for the kindness and compassion you have shown Joshua and our family during this difficult time.

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