

### Tribute to Victor Kidd from Leon Banks

On behalf of the Sports and Social Work Lab, I share the profound sadness of the loss of Dr. Victor Kidd, a valued lab affiliate, colleague, and friend to our scholarly community. Dr. Kidd passed away on December 24 following a tragic accident after spending several weeks on life support. His passing is a tremendous loss to those who knew him and worked alongside him.

From the first time I met Victor I quickly gained tremendous respect for his unwavering commitment to working with and advocating for athletes at all levels. His scholarship and professional practice reflected a deep concern for equity, access, and the holistic well-being of athletes navigating complex social and institutional systems.

Dr. Kidd brought thoughtfulness, humility, and generosity into every space he entered. He understood that mentorship is an ethical responsibility and consistently supported students and emerging scholars with care and intention. His work aligned closely with the mission of the Sports and Social Work Lab, particularly in its emphasis on justice, advocacy, and human-centered practice.

We honor Dr. Kidd's legacy by continuing the work about which he cared so deeply and by holding fast to the values he modeled through both his scholarship and his relationships.

*“Dr. Victor Kidd reminded us that scholarship is not only about knowledge, but about care, responsibility, and community.”*

On behalf of the entire Sports and Social Work Lab, we extend our deepest sympathies to Dr. Kidd's family, loved ones, friends, students, and colleagues. He will be greatly missed and sincerely remembered.

Leon