

In memoriam of Emeka Anaza

This Journal of Intercollegiate Sport issue is dedicated to Dr. Emeka Anaza, who passed away in 2023. Dr. Anaza was an extremely talented social scientist, mentor, teacher, and colleague at James Madison University.

Emeka was born in Lagos, Nigeria and migrated to the US to complete his undergraduate and graduate degrees at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. He then transitioned to Champaign-Urbana to complete his PhD at the University of Illinois in 2014. During that time, Dr. Anaza accepted a faculty position at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

He had a passion for academics as much as life, playing soccer and traveling as often as he could. He was beloved by all those who came to know him for his compassion, energy, and desire to help those in need. His impact and guidance on this research were invaluable and he will be remembered for all he has contributed.

We are grateful to share a part of Dr. Anaza's scholarly work in this issue, called "An Exploration of Student-Athletes Perception on the Athletic Trainer/Coach Relationship: Case Study on Social Support". This article was written by Nikki Owens and Dr. Anaza.

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