

## BRUCE KIDD AWARDED ORDER OF CANADA

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*"Bruce Kidd, dean of University of Toronto's Faculty of Physical Education and Health, was awarded one of Canada's highest honours on Friday, Aug. 3, 2004.*

*An athlete, administrator, educator and scholar, Kidd was named an Officer of the Order of Canada by Governor General Adrienne Clarkson for his tireless efforts working for the elimination of sexism and racism in sporting communities around the world. Kidd's great love of sport has made him a powerful advocate and he has successfully lobbied government to promote the value of physical activity.*

*"I was very pleased to hear about this, and I think Bruce has earned it," said former University of Toronto track teammate Bill Crothers, a retired pharmacist and now chair of the York Region District School Board. "He changed the face of distance running in the world – when he started, young people weren't even supposed to be distance runners. It was for older people. But he became number one in the world when he was only 19 years old." Crothers pointed to Kidd's involvement in a York region school due to open in September 2007, with an emphasis on physical activity and healthy active living, as another way in which Kidd is always giving back to the community. "His contributions to sport history, the University of Toronto, the Faculty of Physical Education and Health and his consulting work have been incredibly significant."*

*Kidd has been an integral voice in many*

*campaigns to improve the lives of athletes and those involved in sport and physical activity. He was on the Toronto bid committees for the 1996 and 2008 Olympics and was director of the International Campaign Against Apartheid Sport, which led the struggle to isolate apartheid in South African sport. Following the end of apartheid, Kidd began working with others to assist social development in southern Africa through Commonwealth Games Canada's International Development through Sport program, of which he is chair. Recently, Kidd has joined with Oxfam to protest the use of unfair labour practices in the manufacture of Olympic-branded clothing.*

*A University of Toronto Faculty member since 1973, Kidd was named the first dean of the Faculty of Physical Education and Health when it was created in 1998. Previously he was director of the former School of Physical and Health Education and acting director of the Department of Athletics and Recreation.*

*Established in 1967, the Order of Canada recognizes Canadians who have made outstanding contributions in their professions locally, nationally and internationally. Each nominee must have worked in his or her field for a minimum of 10 years. In total, two companions, 22 officers and 55 members were appointed, including former Toronto mayor David Crombie, singer-songwriter Loreena McKennitt and university professors Ian Hacking and Cranford Pratt."*