

# MIAC to honor Patrick Reusse with 2012-13 Mike Augustin Award

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ST. PAUL, Minn. -- The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) established the Mike Augustin Award to honor the memory of the award's namesake, who was a longtime St. Paul Pioneer Press sportswriter and an articulate friend, follower and advocate of the MIAC. This season, the MIAC sports information directors have decided to fittingly bestow the annual honor to renowned Minnesota sports journalist Patrick Reusse, who was one of Augustin's colleagues and closest friends, and has long shared his passion for the promotion of small-college athletics throughout the state.

The conference will officially present the 2012-13 MIAC Mike Augustin Award to Reusse Saturday night prior to kickoff of the Augsburg-Hamline football game, held at Hamline's Klas Field in St. Paul. The on-field presentation is scheduled for 6:45 p.m., shortly before the MIAC's first conference night game since 2008 kicks off under the lights at 7 p.m. Reusse is the 11th recipient of the award, which was established in Augustin's name to recognize outstanding contributions to MIAC athletic programs and their student-athletes.

"The MIAC is proud to honor Patrick with the Mike Augustin Award," said MIAC Executive Director Dan McKane. "His coverage of our institutions, teams, coaches and student-athletes throughout the years has helped lend a significant spotlight and a credible voice to the great stories and accomplishments in our conference. To be able to honor him with an award named for one of his closest friends makes this extra special."

Throughout his illustrious career, which has included multiple newspaper, radio and TV gigs and countless trips to MIAC campuses, Reusse has been a beloved friend to the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC). Through it all, Reusse has been one of the top voices in sports media throughout the state, and has used his platform to eloquently promote the MIAC and its 13 member institutions.

Reusse's coverage of the MIAC began on the University of Minnesota-Duluth beat for the Duluth News Tribune when UMD was still a MIAC member. He continued his coverage of the conference when he moved on to the St. Cloud Times, where he primarily covered Saint John's University athletics. From there, his career took him first to the St. Paul Pioneer Press, and eventually to his current posts as a sports columnist for the StarTribune, a radio personality on AM-1500 KSTP and a panelist on WUCW-TV's The Sports Show. Reusse has remained a champion for MIAC athletics through countless feature stories on coaches and student-athletes and constant avocation over the radio and television airwaves.

The friendship between Reusse and Augustin can be traced back to 1964, when the two met as copy boys in the Minneapolis Tribune sports department. Two years later, Augustin was the sports editor at the St. Cloud Times and hired Reusse as a report on his staff. The duo worked together there for nearly three years. By 1969, both were on the sports staff at the Pioneer Press where they remained colleagues until 1988. In addition to their professional relationship, the two developed an outstanding personal relationship, and Augustin was even chosen as the Godfather of Reusse's son, Chris.

"It's very appropriate to name Pat to this award," said Hamline Sports Information Director Dave Wright, who was the 2005-06 recipient of the award. "Few people were closer to Augie than Pat. Like Augie, Pat has always appreciated the good stories of the athletes and the coaches in our league. This is a well-deserved honor."

The MIAC established the Mike Augustin Award in 1999, following Augustin's death from a sudden illness in December of 1997. The award is presented to a member of the media or a sports information director. Reusse is the second StarTribune recipient, joining Jon Roe (2000-2001), and the third with ties to the Pioneer Press in addition to 2004-05 winner Gregg Wong and 2006-07 recipient Bob Schabert. A Fulda, Minn., native, Reusse currently resides in Golden Valley, Minn.

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