

# MIAC honors Mark Lewandowski with Mike Augustin Award

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**BLOOMINGTON, Minn.** – Longtime radio broadcaster Mark Lewandowski has been named the 2018 recipient of the Mike Augustin Award. The award is presented annually to recognize outstanding contributions to Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) athletic programs and their student-athletes. Recipients of the award are chosen by MIAC Sports Information Directors.

Since 1999, Lewandowski has covered Saint John's University athletics, lending his voice to countless memorable Johnnie football, basketball and hockey games. From intense rivalry games to wild Conference playoff contests, Lewandowski has had the best seat in the house for some of the most historic MIAC events of the last two decades.

"John Gagliardi's 409th win," Lewandowski recalled. "A packed house at Clemens Stadium for a hard-fought victory over Bethel... the NCAA title that would follow a few weeks later. I have so many favorite memories and moments from my years in the MIAC."

Lewandowski began covering MIAC athletics in the fall of 1999 with a pair of Johnnie football games and added full-time coverage of SJU basketball by January of 2000 while working at Spirit 93. He moved on to Tri-County Broadcasting in 2006 and has continued to call football, basketball and hockey games for WBHR, in addition to his duties as program and sports director.

"This award means so much because it comes from the SIDs, who I work with all year long," Lewandowski said. "I would like to thank them all for their support and the information they supply me with when I prepare for my games. I would also like to give credit to my football crew: Bryan Backes and Mike and Charlie Carr. They are great people to work with and provide so much to our football broadcasts."

The Mike Augustin Award was first presented by the MIAC in 1999. Mike Augustin was a longtime sportswriter at the Pioneer Press and was an articulate friend, follower, and advocate of the MIAC. The Conference established the award in his honor following Augustin's death from a sudden illness in December of 1997.

"For someone who covers the MIAC, this is a crowning achievement," Lewandowski said. "Great people have won this award and I am extremely happy to now be part of this group."

Lewandowski will receive his award during a ceremony at halftime of the Johnnies' home football opener against Wis.-Stout this Saturday, September 1 at 1:00 p.m. in Collegeville, Minn.

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