

MIAC honors Gene McGivern with Mike Augustin Award

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – Longtime sports information director **Gene McGivern** has been named the 2020-21 recipient of the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) Mike Augustin Award. The award is presented annually to recognize outstanding contributions to MIAC athletic programs and their student-athletes. Recipients of the award are chosen by MIAC Sports Information Directors.

McGivern closed out his 33rd year as an SID in the MIAC this month. He first served in the SID role in addition to coaching cross country at Augsburg from 1988-94. From there, he moved a few miles down Interstate-94 to the University of St. Thomas, where he has served as the Tommies' primary media contact for the last 27 years. He is the first Sports Information Director in MIAC history to serve the conference as an SID for more than 30 years.

McGivern has been recognized by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) with four "Best in Nation" awards and nine "Best in District" honors during his time in the conference. His acclaimed "Gene's Blog" series on TommieSports.com has produced nearly 500 stories highlighting St. Thomas, the MIAC, and NCAA Division III athletics since 2008. McGivern also received the Sid Hartman Award for media service from the Minnesota chapter of the National Football Foundation in 2016, which made him the lone SID honored in the history of the award.

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.

McGivern was celebrated by his MIAC colleagues in a virtual ceremony last week.

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