

Special Guests

The success story of WWE Superstar MVP is the type of never-quit inspiration the Youth ChalleNGe program wants to instill in all its cadets. Growing up in Miami, the son of a single mom, MVP became caught up in street gangs and, at age 14, was arrested for vandalism. At age 15, he was arrested and convicted for armed robbery and was sent to a juvenile detention facility and residential program for six and a half months. When he returned home, he soon took up with his old associates and was arrested again for another armed robbery. This time, he was sentenced to 18.5 years in jail. While in prison, MVP met a corrections officer who was involved in professional wrestling. The officer offered to train him to become a professional wrestler when he got out of jail. After serving nine and a half years, MVP was released from prison and took the corrections officer up on his offer. MVP made his debut on WWE's Friday Night SmackDown in September, 2006. He is the longest-reigning United States Champion in SmackDown history and a WWE Tag Team Champion.



MVP

MVP takes time to work with WWE on many of its corporate social responsibility programs. One of his focuses is to inspire kids who face the same lifestyle situation he did to improve their lives. He relates his life story and gives them the message it is never too late to turn your life around, to choose a different path. "I tell them crime pays, but you have to pay it all back with interest," says MVP. "Through wrestling, I was able to achieve the lifestyle that I wanted, a lifestyle that growing up I thought I could only achieve through a life of crime. It is through dedication, hard work, and sacrifice you can achieve your dreams, not through crime. I feel privileged to work with the National Guard Youth Foundation and the ChalleNGe Program to share my story and help make a difference." He is a National Spokesperson for the National Guard Youth Foundation.