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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Mayor Buol Joins National Effort to Recognize Impact of National Service

DUBUQUE, Iowa – On Tuesday, April 4, Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol will join mayors across the country in recognizing the impact of national service, specifically AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members, in tackling community problems.

The Dubuque National Service Partnership invites the public to attend the Mayor's Day of Recognition for National Service event on Tuesday, April 4, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at Loras College's Academic Resource Center, 3rd Floor (1450 Alta Vista). Mayor Buol will honor national service members, local nominees, and present awards to the recipients of the Champion of Service Award and Impact Award. The winners were selected from the nominees reviewed by the Dubuque National Service Partnership.

The Champion of Service Award was created to honor individuals and agencies supporting National Service members. The Champion of Service Award will be presented to Loras College Dance Marathon. Loras College Dance Marathon was nominated by Maggie Baker, Iowa College AmeriCorps Program's Campus Supervisor. Baker said, "Since 2008, Loras College Dance Marathon has served as a partner service site for 100 Loras students serving over 50,000 hours in the Iowa College AmeriCorps Program. When asked to be a champion for national service programs, Loras College Dance Marathon alumni are willing and ready to contact elected officials and let them know the impact AmeriCorps had on their lives and the lives of local children and families."

The Impact Award is designed to honor those National Service members that go above and beyond their call of service. The Impact award will be presented to Sam Connor, a Green Iowa AmeriCorps member serving at the City of Dubuque/Operation New View. Connor was nominated by Cori Burbach, Connor's site supervisor. Burbach said, "Sam has helped this year's GreenCorps team to achieve what will likely be a record-breaking year, providing more energy audits and weatherizations than any other GreenCorps team. She has helped her

team make significant contributions to low-income, elderly, disabled, and veteran populations, helping them to live more comfortably and spend less money on their utility bills so that they can spend it on other necessities.”

The Dubuque National Service Partnership is a collaborative effort of Corporation for National and Community Service programs in Dubuque including a variety of AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs. The Dubuque National Service Partnership members are service providers including Retired Senior & Volunteer Program, Foster Grandparent Program, AmeriCorps Partners in Learning, Iowa Campus Compact AmeriCorps Program-Loras College, Volunteer Generation Fund-United Way, Green Iowa AmeriCorps, and AmeriCorps VISTA members.

Mayor Buol and the Dubuque National Service Partnership recognize the community impact National Service members have on combating critical community needs and are proud to award Sam Connor and Loras College Dance Marathon for their impact and advocacy for National Service.

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