

2021: Dubuque National Service Recognition Award Nomination Form

Category nominated for: Champion of Service Award

Name of nominee/member: Mayor Roy D. Buol

National Service Program and/or host organizations: City of Dubuque

Nominator Name: Dubuque National Service Partnership

Please tell us a little about the background and personal circumstances relating to the individual or organization being nominated for the award:

Mayor Roy D. Buol is the longest serving mayor in Dubuque's history, beginning in November 2005. Since his election, he has been enthusiastic supporter of AmeriCorps and National Service programs operating within the Dubuque community. Mayor Buol has been supportive of the City sponsorship of the City of Dubuque AmeriCorps Program (previously known as AmeriCorps Partners in Learning) since 2007, after Iowa State Extension could no longer be the subgrantee. Seeing the great need for student success, Mayor Buol prioritized the Campaign for Grade Level Reading, allowing the City's AmeriCorps Program to pivot towards this community priority. Additionally, when necessary, Mayor Buol has always advocated for the funding of National Service at the federal level- sharing the detailed impacts that AmeriCorps programming in Dubuque has made since AmeriCorps' inception in 1994.

Mayor Buol has been an active participant in National Service Recognition Day (previously the Mayor's Day of Service), ensuring that all National Service Members are recognized for their collective impacts to the Dubuque community, and thanked for their service. AmeriCorps Alumni have regularly commented on Mayor Buol's support of the AmeriCorps Programs, and his genuine appreciation for their actions within the community. When invited to become an AmeriCorps Member for a day during AmeriCorps Week 2018, Mayor Buol found himself sitting on the floor with several students and an AmeriCorps Member at Kennedy Elementary School, engaging students in literacy interventions and watching the magic of service at work! Mayor Buol has always made time in his busy schedule to honor National Service Members and to encourage community volunteerism!

Congratulations on your upcoming retirement, Mayor Buol! Thank you for your service to National Service and the Dubuque Community.