

That's How It's "Dun" – Ashley Denton Recognized for Her Service to Dunlap

Ashley Denton is the first-ever recipient of DCDC's "That's How It's Dun" Award. This award is part of a community service recognition program created to honor those who go above and beyond in their service contributions to the Dunlap community.

Denton is no stranger to civic work. She grew up in Shelby, Iowa where her dad currently serves as mayor. She moved to Dunlap in 2007 when her husband, Todd, was hired as a Police Officer with the Dunlap Police Department. He now serves as Deputy and K9 Handler with the Harrison County Sheriff's Department. They have two sons: Nolan, 12 and Athan, 9.

Denton is currently the Elementary School Counselor at Missouri Valley Elementary, but beginning in July, she will be working remotely as the Iowa Regional Coordinator for the TeamMates Mentoring Program. In her new role, she will help identify and engage in local chapter support needs throughout the region; collaborate with school administration and community members to garner support for TeamMates chapters; and provide ongoing support to program coordinators and chapter board members on TeamMates policy, procedure, and financial sustainability.

"I am so excited to announce Ashley as the recipient of the 'That's How It's Dun' award," shared Jill Schaben, DCDC Executive Director. "Ashley is the person that shows up every time you need her. She appears with a smile on her face and her sleeves rolled up. She is a tremendous asset to our community and our youth."

Even with her busy schedule, Denton finds time to:

- Serve as a Dunlap Community Library Board member,
- Assist in coaching Boyer Valley Youth sports,
- Collaborate as a member of DCDC's Beautification and Tourism Committee,
- Set a positive example for students as a TeamMates Mentor,
- Help paint community murals,
- Volunteer her time at Dunlap's event, Art at the Park, and
- Serve on the community committee for the hiring process of the new Boyer Valley Elementary Principal and High School Principal/Superintendent.

She can also be seen hustling around town as the self-appointed "Official Dog Walker" of Harrison County K9, Leo.

"As a child, we spent time in Dunlap visiting family. One of my favorite memories was walking across all the 'red bridges.' Dunlap is a great community to raise a family!" Denton said. "I love the safety and security of living in a community where my kids can ride their bikes or play at the park on their own! I continue to be inspired by the hard-working volunteers who put in countless extra hours to make the best place for our youth!

"I personally believe that the purpose of life is to serve others," Denton added. "A dear mentor and college professor of mine shared this quote with me many years ago: *'Lock up your house, go across the railroad tracks, find someone in need and do something for them.'* – Karl Menninger

We all have a responsibility to each other and our community. We cannot do it all, but we can do SOMETHING! My advice, find your 'something' and do it with passion!"



Know someone who deserves recognition for their service to Dunlap? Visit dunlapia.com and click the Resources tab to access the "That's How It's Dun" nomination form. Four Dunlap area residents will be recognized annually. Contact Jill Schaben with questions at dunlapdcdc@gmail.com

Interested in being a TeamMates Mentor? Contact the Boyer Valley Elementary School at (712) 674-3248.