

I would like to ask Margaret Beuter to join me.

The Distinguished Service Award is given to members who have made significant contributions to our association. The recipient must have held an IAHPERD membership for at least five years, have at least 5 years of work experience as a teacher, supervisor, administrator or combination of the same in the field of health, physical education, recreation and/or dance; and they must have exhibited outstanding professional service to our association.

Margaret has been an IAHPERD member for 36 years. She has been a coach and substitute teacher in the Solon Community School District for one year, a middle school health and PE teacher in the West Branch Community School District for 17 years, and just this month retired from the Iowa City Community School District after teaching Elementary PE at Longfellow Elementary School for 19 years.

Her professional contributions and service to our association have included serving as the Elementary PE Chairperson, presenting at state and district convention, and she is always generous with her time offering to assist with several conventions in just about any capacity that was needed from set up to take down, stuffing registration packets or just offering her friendly smile at the check-in table as attendees arrived. She represented the IAHPERD as our state Elementary PE Teacher of the Year award winner and also shared that expertise when she hosted several practicum students and student teachers for various colleges. She always made sure to encourage them to join our association, get involved, and attend convention...even bringing some along with her when she could. 😊 Since 2005, Margaret has held the position of Joint Projects Chairperson where she has been passionately promoting and supporting the Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart programs. If you have ever attended a local workshop or professional development session, you probably heard Margaret ask the facilitator for a few minutes so that she could address the entire group of educators on the importance of holding a JRFH or HFH event. In this role for our organization, she has represented us at the national convention attending the Joint Projects committee meetings and sessions for the past 10 years only missing once....she did not just attend but she was a contributor.

Thank you for your outstanding professional contributions, Margaret. Please join me in congratulating our 2015 Distinguished Service Award winner, Margaret Beuter.