The 2013 recipient of the NYS AHPERD Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award is Kelly Schulz. Kelly received her bachelor of science degree from Syracuse University and her master of science degree with a concentration in adapted physical education from SUNY Cortland. She has been an adapted physical education teacher and water safety instructor at Oswego BOCES for the past twenty years. Kelly has developed an Adventure Based Education curriculum and was a turnkey trainer for a low elements course. Kelly recognizes that each of her students has a varied background that influences their success. Knowing this, she treats each student with respect and allows them the opportunity to make decisions throughout each lesson, empowering them and demonstrating that she views their ideas and needs as worthy. She listens to their concerns and adjusts the activity to ensure each student feels safe and successful. In service to NYS AHPERD, she has served as the Adapted Physical Education Section Secretary and the Central North Zone Adapted Physical Education Section representative and conference planner. She has presented at local, Zone and NYS AHPERD Conferences. She has been honored as the Oswego BOCES Teacher of the Quarter, Central North Zone Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year, Aquatics Teacher of the Year and the NYS AHPERD Adapted Physical Education Section Amazing Person. Kelly is an active marathoner, triathlete and aspiring Adirondack 46er, with 4 mountains to go. Kelly’s colleague said, “Kelly takes her job seriously and strives to expose her students to many life-long learning experiences; experiences that are limited only by her colorful imagination. Her activities are geared towards helping students recognize their true potential and abilities they didn’t realize they had.” President Sherman, it is my honor to present to you the recipient of the 2013 Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award, Kelly Schulz.