The 2015 recipient of the NYS AHPERD Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award is Lynn Hefele. Lynn earned both her Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education and her Master of Science Degree in Biomechanics from Springfield College. She has been a physical education teacher in the Huntington Union Free School District for twenty-seven years. Lynn develops her physical education units based on the New York State Learning Standards with an emphasis on infusing the Common Core Standards for Literacy. She is the founder of Literature Enhanced Physical Education, which promotes using literature to motivate and educate children. She prioritizes teaching methodologies that reach her students where they are socially, emotionally, physically and cognitively. She uses bulletin boards, YouTube videos and life size action figures to teach cognitive concepts. Lynn is an active member of the Suffolk Zone, serving as Vice President of the Elementary/Middle School Physical Education Section. She has presented at numerous Conferences always enthusiastic about sharing her knowledge with her colleagues. Lynn has been honored with the Special Education Parent Teacher Association Distinguished Service Award and the NYS Lottery and Channel 55 Teacher of the Week recognition. One of Lynn’s colleagues states, “on her observations, the box for highly effective have all been checked! This is due to the creation and implementation of innovative and well thought out lessons.” Her principal shares, I have visited Lynn’s classroom, the gymnasium, several times and each time I was more impressed than the time before. She designs and delivers some of the most creative and engaging lessons I have ever seen.” President James, it is my honor to present to you the recipient of the 2015 Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award, Lynn Hefele.