The 2015 recipient of the NYS AHPERD Health Education Teacher of the Year Award is Frances M. Vincent. Fran received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Health and Physical Education from Springfield College and her Master of Science Degree in School Health Education from Russell Sage. She has taught health and physical education in the Bethlehem Central School District for thirty years. The health curriculum at Bethlehem is standards based, skills driven, researched based, learner centered, and strength based. Fran believes her students need to be at the center of their own learning. She provides her students personally relevant, authentic opportunities to learn, practice and apply health skills through active exploration and discovery. Students are expected to present information to their classmates, debate and discuss it as well as share it with their families. Teaching strategies Fran uses include, role-playing, modeling, simulations, analysis of case studies and peer teaching. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Fran is involved with numerous school committees including, serving as the advisor for Students against Destructive Decisions and as a member of the Coordinated School Health Council. In service to NYS AHPERD, Fran has been a member and chair of the Health Education Awards committee and wrote sample SLO’s for Health Education. One of Fran’s administrator’s states, “Fran is a warm, fun, engaging human being who pulls people into her world with humor and generosity. She does not just teach in the classroom, she leads by example. Fran delivers her lessons with energy and passion. She understands the adolescent student and is able to instill a passion and desire for learning health education. President James, it is my honor to present to you the recipient of the 2015 Health Education Teacher of the Year Award, Frances M. Vincent.