The 2016 recipient of the NYS AHPERD Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award is Loretta “Lori” Bifarella. Lori has been an Elementary Physical Education Teacher in the Attica Central School District for the past 23 years. Her goal is to instill in her students that physical activity is a way of life. Her lessons could best be described as a progressive form that grows from active skill practice, to applying skill performances in dynamic environments. Lori’s teaching methodology varies from class to class and year to year, always embracing the changes within our profession. Lori uses a peer learning environment where students often find more connections with the skill while acting as “coach” in conjunction with self-exploration experiences. By utilizing the strengths of the varied individual talents within each class Lori draws from them as peer resources as well as building on character values of helping others in the process. Lori is an active member of NYS AHPERD. She is currently serving as the Elementary/Middle School Physical Education Section President. She has presented at state and Zone conferences as well as Cattaraugus/Alleghany conferences. Lori was honored with the Elementary/Middle School Physical Education Section Amazing Person Award, the Wyoming County Youth Bureau Outstanding Adult Career Service to Youth Award and she received a Certificate of Merit from NYS Assembly Member Dan Burling and a Certificate of Recognition from NYS Senator Dale Volker. Lori was also the Central Western Zone’s 1st place winner of the Get Moving NY Video Contest, placing second in the state contest. Lori’s colleague said, “During her classes, every student is engaged in learning, while fully participating in physical activities. I am awed by Lori’s ambition to go above and beyond the walls of the gymnasium. She has energy and creative ideas which seem endless.” President Rose, it is my honor to present to you the recipient of the 2016 Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award, Lori Bifarella.