The 2016 recipient of the NYS AHPERD Health Teacher of the Year Award is Marybeth Mueller. Marybeth has been a Health Teacher in the Rochester City School District for the past 29 years. She was one of twenty teachers nationwide selected to write the qualifications for National Board Certification in Health Education. She teaches a culturally diverse population and develops lessons that build on their background knowledge. She builds a caring community within her classroom, showing respect to every student every day. One of the reasons her students thrive is she ensures each student always knows the expectation in advance and the assessment criteria. Her students know that learning will be fun, interactive, important, rigorous and respectful. She is a highly effective educator and a gift to the many students whose lives she touched. Marybeth is an active member of NYS AHPERD and the Central Western Zone. She has presented at zone and state conferences and has served as the Central Western Zone Health Section Representative. She was honored with the Central Western Zone Teacher of the Year Award and the Don Lauder Award Teacher of the Year Award. Marybeth’s colleague said, “She approaches each lesson as an opportunity to not only educate her students, but provide them with life-long skills as they move into adulthood. She ensures each lesson includes practical applications her students can relate to in real life situations.” Her supervisor said “What separates Marybeth from her colleagues is her ability to make meaningful connections with all students to promote a culture of learning.” President Rose, it is my honor to present to you the recipient of the 2016 Health Teacher of the Year Award, Marybeth Mueller.