The 2016 recipient of the NYS AHPERD Professional of the Year Award is Dr. Tam Ray. Tam has worked in the Auburn Enlarged City School District for the past 31 years, serving as the Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics for the past 20 years. She recently became a Certified Athletic Administrator through the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. Tam wrote, received and implemented a $438,000 Carol M. White Grant, she is a member of the District Wellness Committee and Curriculum Council. She has served as the Auburn Administrators Association Union Vice President and the Auburn Teachers Association Building Representative. Her service to NYS AHPERD includes having served on the Board of Directors, currently serving as the Council of Administrators President-elect and Treasurer. She is active in the New York Public High School Athletic Administrators Association, serving as Section III President and is on the Constitution and Handbook Committee. In addition, she is a Central New York Counties League Past President and their former representative on the Section III Athletic Council. A colleague said, “Tam has shown her intelligence and her ability to lead while being open to all opinions. She has shown a willingness to work with other professionals to “get the job done”, so that the organization thrives and improves! Her quiet yet confident approach is very successful!” Tam has been recognized as the NYSSAA 2016 Section III Athletic Director of the Year, the COA Physical Education Director of the Year and the Central North Zone Health and Physical Education Director of the Year. President Rose, it is my honor to present to you the recipient of the 2016 Professional of the Year Award, Dr. Tam Ray.