The 2019 recipient of the NYS AHPERD Joy of Effort Award is Margaret Robelee.

Margaret taught physical education for 33 years. She is currently a supervisor of student teachers at SUNY Cortland. Throughout her career Margaret enthusiastically engaged in professional development opportunities ensuring she offered her students an innovative and dynamic program. She embraced technology and sought out new and creative ideas. She was an integral member of her school community and taught sport skills, fitness and a variety of activities. In service to NYS AHPERD, Margaret is the chairperson of the Elementary Teacher of the Year Award Committee and past co-president of the Technology Section. She is currently the Southeastern Zone president, the Zone webmaster, Elementary Physical Education Section representative, and serves on numerous committees. Margaret has been honored to receive both the Eastern District and NYS AHPERD Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year Awards, and the Southeastern Zone Amazing Person. A colleague wrote, “Margaret is a woman of extraordinary character, uncompromising ethical standards, and possesses a quest for excellence. Her passion for lifetime health and wellness brings energy, enthusiasm, and joy into the lives of everyone she touches. Margaret exemplifies this quote by Franklin D. Roosevelt, “Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort.” It is a privilege to present the recipient of the 2019 Joy of Effort Award, Margaret Robelee.