The 2014 recipient of the **NYS AHPERD Dance Education Teacher of the Year Award** is **Colleen Buchanan**. Colleen received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Speech and Theater from Wagner College, and both a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education and a Master of Arts Degree in Recreation and Outdoor Pursuits from SUNY Cortland. She has been a Lecturer in the physical education department at SUNY Cortland for the past nineteen years. Colleen is enthusiastic, versatile and dedicated to the teaching of dance. She works with a diverse population of students and she strives to find ways to meet their individual needs. She is an expert at sequencing dance steps to scaffold her students learning. She constantly provides verbal cues and corrective feedback helping to ensure her students success. Colleen sets the bar high for her students and has earned their respect in return. She performs numerous institutional and departmental services at SUNY Cortland including, membership on the Gender Implementation & Gender Climate Survey Committee and the Title IX Committee. She serves on the departments Advisory Council and is the Coordinator of the International Study Program in Cologne, Germany. In service to NYS AHPERD, Colleen is a past president of the Dance Section and the NYS AHPERD representative to the Eastern District Association Council for Services. She has presented in local school districts as well as at NYS AHPERD and EDA Conferences. She is a member of the Phi Beta Delta, International Honors Society, she was nominated for the non-tenure track Excellence in Teaching Award at SUNY Cortland and she has been honored with the Dance Section Amazing Person Award. The Chair of her department wrote “Colleen is an outstanding educator and is highly respected by students and colleagues. She has a passion for teaching.” President Mergardt, it is my honor to present to you the recipient of the **2014 Dance Education Teacher of the Year Award**, Colleen Buchanan.