The 2013 recipient of the NYS AHPERD Joy of Effort Award is Dona DiMaggio. Dona received her bachelor of science degree from East Stroudsburg State College and her master of arts degree in education from East Carolina University. She has been a physical education teacher at Mahopac High School for the past seventeen years and was the department chair for two years. She is on the curriculum development and design committee and was the Project Adventure Supervisor. She has been a year round field hockey coach for seventeen years. Her teams are highly competitive and well prepared because of her dedication. Her players work hard for her and each other because they are totally affected by her passion for the game which is infectious. Dona is an active member of the Southeastern Zone and has served as the Conference registrar for thirteen years. She has presented and presided at NYS AHPERD and Southeastern Zone Conferences and is the Adapted Physical Education Section representative for the Zone. Dona’s commitment to our profession is evident in her words and actions, she is a positive role model for both her peers and her students. She promotes physical education as important, valuable, safe, nurturing and fun. She allows her students to be successful while promoting fun and laughter. Dona’s colleague said, “Dona is the epitome of a hardworking, dedicated teacher. Everything Dona does, she does with energy, enthusiasm, optimism and joy. She tackles her work with unbridled excitement, her attitude is contagious, her smile infectious.” Dona was honored as the Section 1 Field Hockey Coach of the Year on three occasions and in 2001 she was named the National Field Hockey Coach of the Year. President Sherman, it is my honor to present to you the recipient of the 2013 Joy of Effort Award, Dona DiMaggio.