The 2014 recipient of the NYS AHPERD Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award is Danielle Bartow Grant. Danielle received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from SUNY Cortland and her Master of Science Degree in Instructional Technology and Media Management from SUNY Potsdam. She has been an elementary physical education teacher in the Potsdam Central School District for twenty-four years. Danielle strives to teach her students both how to stay fit and why it is so important. In the early grades, Danielle spends time developing and polishing basic motor skills, introducing her students to a variety of activities. As her students’ progress, she uses self-assessment and goal setting to personalize each student’s learning experience. Students use iPad video cameras and the iCoach app enabling them to analyze their performance. They use data from their Fitnessgram physical assessment to evaluate their fitness levels and make improvements towards established goals. Danielle’s students use pedometers, pulse sticks, GPS units, and gaming systems. Danielle offers a variety of Project Adventure challenges to provide her students the opportunity to develop interpersonal skills and she designs lessons that frequently rely on peer coaching and assessment. In service to NYS AHPERD, she has served as the Northern Zone treasurer, secretary, student leadership awards chairperson, a member of the Zone awards committee and conference planning committee. She has also presented at local, Zone and NYS AHPERD Conferences. She has been honored with the Dorothy Arnsdorff Award from SUNY Cortland, the North Country, This Week’s “Person of the Week” and she received the Northern Zone Amazing Person Award. Danielle’s Principal said, “Danielle is one of the most outstanding educators I have met in my thirty years of education. She exemplifies all the qualities that an elementary school principal hopes for in their teachers. She is dedicated, compassionate, caring, and passionate about her work, enthusiastic, experienced, student-centered, driven to improve, open to new ideas, willing to go above and beyond, loves to collaborate with colleagues and is someone you would want educating your children.” President Mergardt, it is my honor to present to you the recipient of the 2014 Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award, Danielle Bartow Grant.