The 2012 recipient of the NYS AHPERD Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award is Justin Haegele. Justin received both his bachelor of education degree in physical education and his master of science degree in physical education with a concentration in adapted physical education and pedagogy from The College at Brockport. He was an adapted physical education teacher at PS 255 in Queens, before beginning the PhD program in adapted physical education at Ohio State University this fall. For the past three summers, Justin has been the co-director of Camp Abilities Alaska. While at PS 255, an elementary school for children with Autism, he used the New York State Learning Standards to guide his program. Justin uses a variety of teaching methodologies to differentiate the instruction of physical activities for his students. He works diligently to represent the field of Adapted Physical Education with hard work, creativity and passion. His teaching, modifications and enthusiasm for his students is extraordinary. He has developed an expertise in visual instruction techniques and behavior management. Justin has presented 38 Conference workshops, is a Member at Large on the AAHPERD Adapted Physical Activity Council Board, and is the Action Editor for Palaestra, a quarterly publication dealing with adapted physical activity. He is on the Advisory Board of PECentral.org, he co-authored a textbook chapter in “Essentials of Teaching Adapted Physical Education” and has published two journal articles. He was honored by the Adapted Physical Activity Council as the Outstanding Masters Degree Student. Justin’s colleague said, “Justin’s character is defined by his passionate work in his field and the relationships he builds with his students and colleagues. Justin is a true model of a great teacher, influencing his students in the classroom, professionals in the field, and future teachers.” When asked what he does for fun, Justin said “I am an adapted physical education teacher.” President Quitoni, it is my honor to present to you the recipient of the 2012 Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award, Justin Haegele.