The 2014 recipient of the NYS AHPERD Health Education Teacher of the Year Award is Nicole Holehan. Nicole received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Nova Southeastern University, her Master of Science Degree in Health Education from Sage Graduate School and her Certificate of Advanced Studies in Educational Leadership from SUNY Plattsburg. She has been a health education teacher for the Shenendehowa Central Schools for the past seven years. Nicole’s health education classes emphasize health-enhancing, skills-based learning utilizing various methodologies. She encourages student participation by using cell phone and tablet technology, and an interactive white board. She utilizes an e-packet and posts class materials online using Edmodo to be sure students who need more time to study the material or those who were not in class have the ability to access information. She created a blended model health education course, which offers an engaging 21st century learning environment through the use of active learning tools in a virtual classroom. This platform allows her students control over time, place, path and or pace for their learning. Nicole has presented at local, Zone and NYS AHPERD Conferences and was invited to present at the New York State Association for Computers and Technology in Education conference. Nicole was nominated for the Southern Saratoga County YMCA Educator of the Year. Nicole’s director wrote “Nicole is resourceful, an innovator and a dynamic member of our health education department. Her enthusiasm and passion for teaching and for her students have hardly a rival on our staff. She has mastered the elusive art of being firm but fair, having rules yet maintaining relationships and keenly remembering that though she teaches health education, she is really teaching children whom she freely offers acceptance, guidance and life skills.” President Mergardt, it is my honor to present to you the recipient of the 2014 Health Education Teacher of the Year Award, Nicole Holehan.