The 2014 recipient of the NYS AHPERD Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award is Tracy Sharlow. Tracy received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education from Boston University and her Master of Science Degree in Adapted Physical Education from The College at Brockport. She has been an adapted physical education teacher at St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES for the past twenty-three years. Tracy has developed an APE program using all three of the NYS Learning Standards. She is currently working in an Applied Behavioral Analysis program for students with autism. The Applied Behavioral Analysis program is team-oriented and creates a behavior plan for each student focused on learning standard number 2, a safe and healthy environment. She also writes an evaluation for her students, that includes levels of performance, cognitive testing information and their physical and social needs. Tracy says, children love to move and play, they love to feel they are good at what they do and they love to feel they are important to others; Tracy is grateful she has the opportunity, through her work, to give her students what they love. She develops the best program possible as defined by their individual abilities and not by their disabilities. In service to NYS AHPERD, Tracy has served as the Adapted Physical Education Section President, she is the Northern Zone president-elect, a member of the Zone Physical Education Leadership Awards committee, the Let’s Move NY and the mini-conference committees. She has presented at NYS AHPERD conferences and for the Therapeutic Recreation Minor program at SUNY Potsdam. Tracy was honored with the Northern Zone Amazing Person Award. Tracy’s colleagues said, “She is a true leader, lifetime learner, and displays all the qualities of an exceptional educator. Tracy is always upbeat and excited about her job. She is an inspiration as she is always seeking ways to improve the quality of services enabling student success.” President Mergardt, it is my honor to present to you the recipient of the 2014 Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award, Tracy Sharlow.