The 2011 recipient of the NYS AHPERD Distinguished Service Award is Tom Howard. Tom received his bachelor’s degree in health, physical education and recreation from Southern Connecticut State College, his master’s of science degree in health education from Adelphi University and his Administrative Certification from Long Island University. Tom was the Director of Physical Education and Athletics in the Farmingdale School District before retiring in 2003. He is presently an Adjunct Professor at Adelphi University. Tom has been the Recording Secretary of the Section VIII High School Athletic Association, President of Conference III Modified Athletic Council, a member of both the State Chemical Health Committee and the NYSAAA Professional Development Committee. In service to NYS AHPERD, Tom has been a member of the Jay B. Nash Awards Committee, he served as Chair of the Teacher of the Year Awards Committee and the Distinguished Service/Professional of the Year Awards Committee and he continues to serve as Chair of the Necrology Committee. Tom was the Secretary of the Executive Council for six years, he served as President of the Association in 2005-2006 and was on the Board of Directors for six years serving as secretary. He has written numerous articles for NYS AHPERD Newsletters; was the NYS Representative to the EDA Council for Services in 2004 and has been on the EDA Future Professionals Mini Conference Committee since 2009. Tom has been recognized with a Bay Shore High School yearbook dedication, West Babylon High School Outstanding Teacher Blue/Gold Award, CYO Man of the Year for Long Island, the COA Zone Achievement Award, NYS AAA Zone Recognition Award, March of Dimes Golden Apple Award for Educational Excellence, NYSUT Friend of Education Award, the Adelphi University Alumni Award and the Town of Babylon Aquatics Award. Tom’s colleagues shared the following ~ Tom is a consummate professional with an exceptional skill set of knowledge and behaviors. He is highly respected by his peers, within and beyond our organization, his school district and his community. It takes courage, passion, confidence and dedication to take on the many leadership positions in which he has served. Tom is a visionary leader, who exemplifies a commitment to personal and professional excellence. Although, Tom’s achievements and accolades are many, he will be most remembered for his loyalty, his enthusiastic leadership, the strength of his character and the intensity of his integrity. President Manson, it is my privilege to present to you the recipient of the 2011 NYS AHPERD Distinguished Service Award, Tom Howard.