Tracey Murphy has taught physical education in Pella, Iowa for the past 18 years. Tracey is a very hard worker and goes well beyond expectations to establish and deliver an outstanding physical education program that incorporates well-planned units, developmental skills, and character building. She is dedicated to learning and providing a variety of experiences for her students. She has earned certifications in many areas ranging from archery instructor trainer to water safety instructor to National Board Teaching Certification.

Tracey approaches each class with well-laid plans and solid objectives. Her classroom is very positive and is a place children feel safe. She enhances the social skill and leadership development of students of all ages. She sees and works with each child as an individual. She also incorporates technology to assist the communication and level of understanding in her classroom and between students, faculty, staff and parents.

Tracey has promoted physical activity, healthy habits and quality physical education throughout her career. She has made a positive impact on students and adults alike. She warmly welcomes field experience teachers and models best practices for those early on in their teaching preparation as well as those involved in student teaching. Because of her professionalism and her encouraging and caring demeanor, former students, staff and parents seek advice and guidance from her.

Tracey Murphy is one of those people who are truly meant to be an educator. She works to enhance each student’s development as well as the development of the physical education program, the school district and the community.

Ladies and Gentlemen I would like to introduce to you…the 2012 Iowa Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Elementary Teacher of the Year—Tracey Murphy.

Charity Campbell has taught physical education at Norwalk Middle School in Norwalk, Iowa for the past 14 years.

She is a positive role model for all students at Norwalk. She not only encourages them participate to the best of their ability, but she moves with them.

Her classrooms are innovative and enjoyable. She designs her lessons to include 21st century skills as much as possible. Because of this Norwalk Middle school was a finalist school in the PE4Life award which resulted in the school being named a PE4Life Middle school and receiving $10,000 award. She utilizes many strategies to engage all the students and to guide her students toward activities that promote life long physical fitness. Charity has been instrumental in the development of the fitness room, developing a program to monitor student activity levels via technology.

She has helped teachers incorporate kinesthetic learning and brain breaks into the general classroom settings. The use of brain breaks and kinesthetic learning across the curriculum has greatly impacted the students in a positive manner.

Charity is a leader among her peers; and is a role model for other teachers and students. Her work ethic is outstanding and she is a fantastic role model for staff. She is one of the most highly regarded teachers on staff.
Ladies and Gentlemen I would like to introduce to you…the 2012 Iowa Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Middle School Teacher of the Year------Charity Campbell.

Kari Bullis has taught physical education at Williamsburg Jr/Sr High School in Williamsburg, Iowa for the past 7 years. She is creative, motivational, resourceful and innovative. Kari, with the support of the physical education department, wrote a grant for the PE4Life program. Williamsburg was selected for participation including extensive professional development for our PE department and administration. This program has immediately transformed the program at Williamsburg with short-sided games, skill development and wellness. The students now understand the importance of wellness in their everyday lives.

Kari has always utilized individuals to bring students experiences to Williamsburg. From using local organizations to supply fishing poles, community resources to provide bowling experiences and bicycles or utilizing Grant Wood AEA staff to provide effect instruction to the students, Kari goes above and beyond for the student’s body. The students respect her. They put forth effort physically and mentally in her classes. She covers a very wide variety of physical activities to ensure all students find things they enjoy doing to be healthy. She truly leads by example, with a constant positive attitude and very hands-on approach to athletics.

Ladies and Gentlemen I would like to introduce to you…the 2012 Iowa Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Secondary Teacher of the Year------Kari Bullis.