**Teacher of the Year, Honor Award Winner Information for SHAPE SD:**

**Name of Teacher of the Year, Honor Award Winner: \_\_\_Vonda Bjorklund\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Level as Teacher of the Year or Honor Award Winner:\_\_\_High School\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Please complete the questions below and return to** [**Tracy.Nelson@sdstate.edu**](mailto:Tracy.Nelson@sdstate.edu) **for our website.**

1. **What has being named a SHAPE SD Physical Education Teacher of the Year meant to you? It made me fell quite honored and valued as an educator. It is nice to have your work noticed.**

#### ****What gives you the greatest joy in teaching? Hearing the kids enjoy what they have learned. Seeing them turned on to activity.****

#### ****What is the biggest challenge or frustration you experience as a physical education teacher? My biggest challenge, and the most rewarding, is having a kid who was dreading taking PE, love it.****

#### ****How do you see the future of physical education in South Dakota? I am hopeful and think that our culture will finally embrace the research and what we have known about the importance of activity in a child’s day, to the point that physical education will become a daily requirement throughout their school years, making us a healthier America.****

#### ****If there is any bit of advice you would give to a 1st or 2nd year physical education teacher what would it be? Be creative and have fun. If you are enjoying what you are doing, your students will too.****