

## 2010 RPACNY Awards

## PA Educator of the Year

**Mary Springston, M.S.Ed., RPA-C,** was recognized at the RPACNY June Annual Awards Dinner Meeting as the organization's 2010 Physician Assistant Educator of the Year. Ms. Springston has served as both Academic and Clinical Coordinators, and is currently the Program Director for the Le Moyne College Department of Physician Assistant Studies. She has also had prior teaching experience having served on the faculty for the CUNY at Harlem and Bronx Lebanon PA educational programs.

Mary earned her first Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry from the State University College at Oneonta in 1983, and she completed her second Bachelors in Physician Assistant Studies from Harlem Hospital City University of NY in 1993. In 2008, she continued her education, completing her Masters degree in Education at Le Moyne College.

Prior to becoming a Physician Assistant, Ms. Springston worked as a laboratory technician and has had significant training in infectious disease. She has not only provided numerous lectures and written articles about HIV and AIDS for many years, but she has also provided excellence in medical care and compassion to those affected by the disease in upstate NY as well as in the NY City metropolitan area.

Ms. Springston is nationally certified by the National Commission on the Certification of Physician Assistants, and is a member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants, the Physician Assistants Education Association, the NY State Society of Physician Assistants and the Regional Physician Assistants of Central New York.

Some very complimentary comments shared with our nominating team about Ms. Springston include:

*“Mary always takes the time to get to know each of her students as an individual. She continually takes an interest in assuring that each student has what it takes to achieve their personal best.”*



*Mary Springston, M.S.Ed., RPA-C, (left), PA Program Director accepts the RPACNY PA Educator of the Year at the June Awards Meeting, supported by Dr. James Longo, Medical Director for the Le Moyne College Department of Physician Assistant Studies.*

*“Mary truly embodies and promotes the Le Moyne College mission to prepare individuals for leadership and service in their professional and personal lives.”*

*“If ever you wanted to meet someone who is dedicated, is attentive to details, who accomplishes great things expertly and with a smile on her face, then go to Mary. She always gives 110 percent – 110 percent of the time.”*

Because of her extensive contributions to the field of PA education, her devotion and dedication to her students, her continued work to provide excellent patient care and public education, RPACNY is most pleased to honor Ms. Springston this year with the 2010 PA Educator of the Year Award.