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Kelly Zerby is an elementary physical education teacher with 27 years of experience in DeKalb, Illinois. She was recognized as the 2022 SHAPE Midwest Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year. Kelly is the Past President of IAHPERD (2023), currently serves as Advisor for the Council of Future Professionals, and chairs the SHAPE Midwest Advocacy and Communications Committee. She holds two master's degrees from Northern Illinois University in Educational Administration and Literacy with a bilingual emphasis, along with ESL and Adapted Physical Education certifications. Kelly is the K–12 Physical Education Coordinator in her district, a mentor and pre-service teacher facilitator, an adjunct faculty member at Northern Illinois University, and a frequent local and national presenter. Kelly lives in Huntley, Illinois with her husband and two children and many pets.