



Lester "Pop" Dyer

Award For Citizenship

Lester J. Dyer came to Shrewsbury in 1930 as a teacher and shortly thereafter became Principal of Calvin Coolidge School. Mr. Dyer became a much beloved educator and was referred to as "Pop". In 1948, he began an annual fishing Derby on Lake Quinsigamond in an effort to combat truancy on the opening day of fishing season. The Sunrise Fishing Derby (later called the Pop Dyer Fishing Derby) attained national recognition the year it began and in 1957 it was featured in Sports Illustrated magazine. In 1953, after almost 24 years at Coolidge, Pop Dyer was chosen from a field of 60 candidates as the Superintendent of Shrewsbury Public Schools. He served the children of Shrewsbury in that capacity for a decade until his retirement in 1963. Pop passed away in 1964. His wife, Irene, passed away in 1993. Pop's legacy included his son, Gerald, who himself retired after 30 years of teaching in Natick as well as his daughter, Shirley Dagle, who worked for the Town of Shrewsbury for 28 years. His grandson, Marc Rischitelli, is the coach of Shrewsbury High School's Speech & Debate Team. The Lester "Pop" Dyer Award for Citizenship is presented to a graduating student of Shrewsbury High School in memory of Pop's example of exemplary citizenship and to honor a similar example of great citizenship in the recipient.



Awarded To:

Ryan Hevey

**Marc
Rischitelli**

Marc Rischitelli - SHS 1987
Grandson of Lester "Pop" Dyer
SHS Alumni Association
Scholarship Chairperson



Judith L. Donahue

Judith L. Donahue - SHS 1968
President

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