

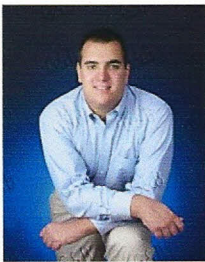
Lester "Pop" Dyer

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 has worked for the Town of Shrewsbury for 27 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:

Gregory George



Through your active leadership with the SHS Political Action Club and the Young Republicans Club you have brought forth your belief that "encouraging participation in the voting process as well as stimulating student interest in local and national politics are representative of what make a good citizen." You have also contributed to your local community with your work at the SHS Educational Television Studio (ETS) and summer internship at the Massachusetts State House. You have lead by example to demonstrate good citizenship in the SHS Mentor Volunteer Program, Special Peer Connection and Paton Elementary School's Extended Day Program.

George Mason University will be lucky to have the 2010 recipient of the Lester "Pop" Dyer Award for Citizenship.

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
SHS Alumni Association

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