



BARBARA HAGAN HOWE HIGH/BMHS EDUCATORS HALL OF FAME INAUGURAL CLASS OF 2022



It is only appropriate that as we look to the future with the creation of the new home for the Billerica Community Hall of Fame, that our first inductee as an educator has deep roots in the Billerica community, going back to the 1660's.

Barbara Hosmer Hagan is the personification of what a teacher should be. In her classroom, Mrs. Hagan spoke the loudest when she was listening to her students. They knew that Mrs. Hagan cared. Her empathy, patience, and approachability filled her classroom with positivity which created a haven where learning could flourish.

Combining that with her subject mastery, and it is easy to see why Mrs. Hagan was so well liked and respected.

Aside from the Classics, Mrs. Hagan taught the lessons of life in her classroom. She taught by words and example the evils of peer pressure, negativity, conformity, prejudice, ignorance, and apathy. We have borne witness to the impact she has had on her students, but also in the children she raised.

Mrs. Hagan is mother to three amazing young men. Her oldest, Sean, is the K-12 Fine Arts Director of the Bedford Public Schools. Her middle son, Cullen, is a Guidance Counselor at the Marshall Middle School and her youngest Devin is a Middle School Social Studies Teacher at the Marshall Middle School as well.

The positive, caring, and nurturing way Mrs. Hagan treated her students is exemplified in the men she raised.

During her 38-year teaching career, Mrs. Hagan was recognized by the students of BMHS. She was awarded the Best Listener seven times in her career and Most Congenial nine times. On four occasions she won both awards. In 2005, Mrs. Hagan served as the Commencement Speaker for the graduating class.

With her passion for her students, combined with her love of teaching and the Billerica community, Barbara Hagan is the truly perfect first inductee for the Educator Hall of Fame.