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Julia Bowen Bridge to College Scholarship Fund Open to BART Alumni

ADAMS, MA — Graduates of Berkshire Arts & Technology Charter Public School (BART) who have completed their first or second year of college are invited to apply for the Julia Bowen Bridge to College Scholarship.

The Bowen Scholarship fund was established in 2017 to honor Julia Bowen, BART's founding executive director. Through her service to the School, Bowen demonstrated her commitment to supporting all students' successful path to and through college. In this spirit, the Scholarship was created by and is managed by the BART Foundation to provide financial assistance to select BART alumni through their college careers.

A Bowen Scholarship of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to a BART alumnus or alumna who has successfully completed year 1 or year 2 of college. Assuming successful completion of the school year, the award will be continued through years 2, 3, and 4, and, if need be, year 5. The award does NOT need to be used for tuition.

Applications may be accessed at bit.ly/BARTScholar. The application process includes a narrative about the applicant, how the successful applicant plans to use the Bowen Scholarship to increase the likelihood of college success, and how the applicant has or will support the BART Alumni Network or college office.

The application deadline is May 11, 2018.

BART is a nationally recognized, award-winning, tuition-free, public middle and high school focused on preparing students for college. In 2015, US News & World Report ranked BART the 7th best high school in Massachusetts. To date, 100% of BART's graduates have passed a college course and have been accepted into college prior to graduation. BART does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.