2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

The Berlin-Boylston Regional School Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of the Moses Reed Tyler Scholarship for 2024-2025. Mr. Tyler, who died in 1937, left approximately $20,000 in assets to establish a trust that would assist community members with their continuing education. His will stipulated that the trust fund shall benefit the "residents of the Town of Berlin, Worcester County, Massachusetts, or who shall have been educated in the public schools of Berlin and whose parents shall have resided therein… to enable such persons to continue their studies in places which may be approved by the [school] committee."

Moses Reed Tyler charged the Berlin School Committee (now the Berlin-Boylston Regional School Committee) with approving the recipients of funds from this trust. The committee's decisions are guided by the express intent of Mr. Tyler who stated his desire to assist those students who are "earnest and industrious" and "who may not have the highest scholastic standing." Funds may be awarded to students who are seeking training in occupations or trades in addition to students desiring to go to college or institutions of higher learning. Further, "assistance shall be given to those primarily who would not be able financially to secure that education…."

The annual interest from Mr. Tyler's trust, 83 years after his death, continues to provide important financial support to Berlin's students. This year, the trust provided in total awards **$20,971.61** to our students pursuing further learning. *Congratulations to this year's recipients!*

Gretchen Munter	Mary O'Day
Sadie Michelson	Tadiwanashe Motsi
Aiden Clisham	Jamie McNamara
Patrick Clisham	Evan Schultz
Morgan Schultz	Jackson Money
Jordan Money	Paige Money

Moses Reed Tyler was born In Warwick, Rhode Island in 1850, the third of four children, and was the descendent of generations of teachers and town officials. His grandfather, for example, was a farmer who was also prominent in town affairs. Mr. Tyler's uncle, a judge, who became a teacher and agriculturist after he moved to Berlin, was also a selectman and assessor and served on the town school committee. Following this family tradition of community engagement, Moses Reed Tyler was a member of the Unitarian Church in Berlin, an active

member in the town's Village Improvement Society, and served as a member of the Board of Trade for many years.