

Bridgeport International Academy Telethon Benefit Night

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"Our telethon entertains people, but it also helps make a difference," says Unificationist Daniel Kingsley. "The telethon really showcases the incredible diverse student body that represents Bridgeport International Academy while also raising funds for our student scholarships."

At [BIA](#), Kingsley wears many hats - a PE teacher, online education coordinator, and the lead organizer of the school's annual telethon. It's the second year BIA is hosting the virtual fundraiser, an alternative which came about last year during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We had a longstanding tradition of having a drama production and annual auction that was the main fundraiser for our scholarships," explains Kingsley. But that all changed in the midst of restrictions and lockdowns. So, Kingsley got creative.

"The telethon combines the production and auction while doing everything safely," he says. "This is a student-driven production, so they are the ones who have made it a reality. They can showcase their skills and talents and artistic abilities, all for a good cause."

On camera and behind the scenes, some 40 students and staff are preparing for the telethon. Donations to BIA's [scholarship fund](#) helps students in financial need. With rehearsals underway this week, students are perfecting various songs, dances, and short skits for the big night.

The telethon will stream live on April 8 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. EDT through BIA's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages, and will be shared on the Family Federation USA [Facebook page](#) as well. Kingsley says special appearances from BIA's headmaster and vice headmaster are also lined up.

"This year, we really want to emphasize this is a community event," he says. "We want everyone that is involved with BIA at some level to participate, including BIA alumni and teachers, who are performing. It's about promoting and celebrating our community."

Over the last 25 years, BIA has continually drawn a diverse, co-ed student body, with as much as 45 percent of its students coming from different countries around the world. "What makes BIA special is that we are a global school with people from different cultures and backgrounds," says Kingsley. "BIA becomes an extension of our families."

Kingsley says the virtual telethon is a great way for students to connect with their families and friends back home. For Kingsley, a New Jersey native who joined BIA in 2020, teaching and coordinating the telethon has enabled him to share his passion and strengths with his students.

"I love working with people and creating things," he says. "I have the opportunity to collaborate with people, and students can utilize my creativity and tap into that side ... As an extended community of the Unification movement, this family-oriented sense of community is extremely important to me. I love connecting with people on a deeper level and my job allows me to do that."

In more ways than one, BIA's telethon bridges people, experiences and opportunities - while supporting and celebrating its global community.

You can register for an event reminder for BIA's telethon [here](#), and donate to the scholarship fund [here](#).



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You're invited to the BIA Annual Telethon!

About this event

If you're a member of the BIA community, are interested in learning more about the school, or just want a night of great entertainment, look no further. The BIA Telethon is for you!

Bridgeport International Academy is proud to host its second annual virtual telethon! Broadcasted live on our Facebook and Youtube page, we are inviting you to join us on **Friday April 8th from 7-10 pm EDT.**

The telethon is an online talent show where students of BIA will display their tremendous artistic talents.

Our school culture will be on full display as we will provide our community a taste of what BIA is all about!

During our live broadcast, we encourage our community to donate to our scholarship fund. **100 percent of all donations raised for the evening will go to the BIA scholarship fund, helping to support current and future BIA students attending BIA.** We are a small school completely funded by private tuition payments. The school has worked relentlessly in a post-pandemic era as we continue to create an empowering, safe, and harmonious learning environment for our students. Your support makes the difference and if you feel

Date and time

Fri, April 8, 2022

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM MDT

Location

Online event

inspired to contribute to our mission, click [here](#) to make a tax-deductible donation on our GoFundMe page.

How to watch the telethon:

1. On the night of the Telethon come to this page and click "access" the event. It will bring you to our Facebook.

2. If you don't have Facebook you can catch our live on our Youtube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/vidеobia/videos>

We are so excited to see you at the show!

COME JOIN US! A spectacular online talent showcase where students of BIA will display their tremendous artistic talents!

BROADCASTED LIVE ON BIA'S FACEBOOK PAGE, SCAN HERE TO WATCH!

Can't make it but would still like to donate? Scan here!

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Team fundraiser
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\$50 raised of \$7,000 goal

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Antonelle Chunka
 \$30 = 4 d

Jerry Chesnut
 \$20 = 10 d

Become an early supporter
 Your donation matters

Bridgeport International Academy's Annual Telethon event is back and will be broadcasted live on our Facebook page on Friday April 8th at 7 PM EST! This is a student driven event where BIA students will showcase their unique and creative talents for our global audience. Our goal is to break our fundraising record and raise \$7000 dollars in scholarships for current and future students that come to BIA!

Bridgeport International Academy is a private college preparatory high school with a big mission! We create a harmonious, empowering and safe learning environment for our students. At BIA, our students excel academically, grow their heart/character, and develop their creative gifts that are unique to each individual student. We are an international school with students that come from all over the world!

We are inviting our entire BIA community to attend and support our Virtual Telethon! The telethon will showcase a variety of student performances. Our students have been practicing very hard as they have created fun and unique performances that everyone in our global community will enjoy! Your support makes the difference and if you feel inspired to contribute to our mission, we encourage you to make a donation on this GoFundMe page during the live telethon broadcast. If you would like to support, but can't watch the live broadcast, you can also make a donation anytime on our GoFundMe page as well.

BIA is a small school completely funded by private tuition payments. Despite the many challenges the school has faced in a post pandemic era, we have worked relentlessly to continue to create a safe, engaging and inspiring educational experience for our students. Your donation helps tremendously in helping current and future students have an opportunity to attend BIA!

Throughout our live broadcast, our student MC's will recognize every donor that contributes to our mission (unless they specify to remain anonymous.) Donors who make the following contributions will also be recognized on our dove wall.



Bronze Level: 50-99 dollars--You will receive a small dove which will be placed on our dove wall located on the front of the school with your name on it.

Silver Level: 100-499 dollars-- You will receive a large dove which will be

placed on our dove wall located on the front of the school with your name on it.

Gold Level: 500 dollars and above-- You will receive a large dove with flowers which will be placed on our dove wall located on the front of the school with your name on it.

Platinum Level: 750 dollars and above - You will receive a large Gold colored dove which will be placed on our dove wall with your name on it.

Mark your calendars for April 8th at 7 pm. We look forward to seeing you at the BIA Telethon!

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Fundraising team (3)



Office BIA

Organizer
Bridgeport, CT



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Contact



Daniel Kingsley

Team member



Ryan Shin

Team member

This team raised \$50 from 2 other donations.

Words of support (1)



Antonelle Chunka

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