

# University of Bridgeport and Bridgeport Public Schools Announce “Bridgeport’s Brightest” Scholarship for Local Graduates

*Collaboration will yield significant scholarship, covering most of tuition cost for Bridgeport’s 2024 graduates*

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[/Einpresswire.com/](https://www.einpresswire.com/) -- University of Bridgeport (UB)

and Bridgeport Public Schools (BPS) are excited to

announce a new scholarship, “Bridgeport’s

Brightest,” to support 2024 high school graduates

of Bridgeport public high schools as they pursue

their higher education. With this initiative, UB’s

yearly tuition will be reduced to \$7,000 for

commuters, or \$12,500 for residential students

that includes room and board. This scholarship

could significantly reduce or eliminate out-of-

pocket expenses for students eligible for Federal

Pell Grants or CT state grants. The result of the collaboration and deepening relationship

between University of Bridgeport and Bridgeport Public Schools, the Bridgeport’s Brightest

Scholarship Program centers around addressing complications students faced this year resulting

from the rollout of the new FAFSA application.

FAFSA applications are down almost [15% year-over-year](#) in Connecticut, and according to the

National College Attainment Network (NCAN), underserved and minority students are most

affected. NCAN is raising concerns about what this might mean for students who rely on

financial aid to afford a college education.

UB’s President, Dr. Danielle Wilken, and Bridgeport’s Superintendent, Dr. Carmela Levy-David,

met this challenge and worked together to find a solution for 2024 Bridgeport public high school

graduates who may be negatively impacted by the lack of access to financial aid for the 2024-

2025 school year and beyond. The solution? Bridgeport’s Brightest — a four-year renewable

scholarship program. Bridgeport’s Brightest Scholarship will greatly reduce the financial burden

on local students wanting to earn their college degrees.



“We are deeply committed to investing in our local community and fostering the next generation of life-long learners,” shared President Wilken. “By partnering with Bridgeport Public Schools, we aim to provide more students with the resources and support they need to pursue higher education,” she said. “This scholarship is not just an investment in individual futures but also in the future of our community as a whole.”

Dr. Levy-David emphasized the impact this scholarship opportunity could have on local students, their families, and the city, saying, “Bridgeport Public Schools is proud to join University of Bridgeport in supporting our students to change their lives in one generation

through their access to higher learning. This partnership ensures that students will continue to have equitable access to a brighter future in the city they call home.”

UB is using a combination of grants, scholarships, and institutional aid to ensure that as many Bridgeport high school graduates have access to a UB education as possible. Access to quality higher education ensures more underrepresented groups can succeed academically and professionally; it is the key to realizing equity and breaking the cycles of generational poverty.

“I’m thrilled to know that University of Bridgeport is offering a renewable four-year scholarship to Bridgeport’s 2024 high school graduates,” said Bridgeport Mayor Joe Ganim, sharing in the enthusiasm for this collaboration. “Providing quality education to Bridgeport students is always high on our list of priorities in this City, and because of this, we’re grateful for the support University of Bridgeport is now offering to our graduates for the upcoming academic year.” Ganim continued, “I’m certain this will inspire local students and help them understand that higher education is obtainable with the financial assistance provided through the University.”

Learn more about University of Bridgeport and hear directly from Dr. Wilken and Dr. Levy-David about this transformative scholarship [opportunity here](#).

#### About University of Bridgeport

University of Bridgeport offers career-oriented undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees and programs for people seeking personal and professional growth. The University promotes academic excellence, personal responsibility, and commitment to service. Distinctive



curricula in an international, culturally diverse, and supportive learning environment prepare graduates for life and leadership in an increasingly interconnected world. The University is independent and non-sectarian. For more information, visit [www.bridgeport.edu](http://www.bridgeport.edu).

#### About Bridgeport Public Schools

Bridgeport Public Schools, located in Bridgeport, Connecticut, is the largest and most diverse school district in the state. Under the leadership of Superintendent Dr. Carmela Levy-David, the district serves a dynamic student population across 38 schools. Bridgeport Public Schools is committed to providing a culturally responsive, high-performing learning environment where students thrive academically, socially, emotionally, and civically. The district's mission is to educate, engage, and empower each student for a life of excellence. For more information, visit [www.bridgeportedu.net](http://www.bridgeportedu.net).

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