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# Setting the stage

High school student's  
 Bands4Change brings  
 pop singer Kesha  
 to Stroh Center

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It may be an understatement to call 18-year-old Maya Dayal an overachiever.

The Maumee Valley Country Day School senior's resume shows projects and trips many people won't accomplish over the course of a lifetime.

She's conducted independent studies in foreign countries such as India, Norway, Peru, Argentina, Ecuador, and Mexico since the age of 10. Closer to home, she's created clubs, started a global leadership program, and planned two large TEDx events — all while maintaining a 3.9 grade point average.

Now the high school student is bringing pop singer Kesha to Bowling Green State University for a performance at the Stroh Center through her recently founded organization Bands4Change. The pop music celebrity is best known for her hit singles "Tik Tok," "Your Love Is My Drug," "We R Who We R," and "Timber" with Pitbull.

In between traveling thousands of miles and organizing events, Dayal was busy writing a book called *Off The Beaten Path: My Roundabout Journey to Humanitarianism*, which details her trips and is meant to inspire other people to activism. Her book was published in 2016 and is available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

Friday's Kesha show will be Dayal's most visible humanitarian project yet. She and her mother were able to book the singer into the Stroh Center as Bands4Change's first-ever concert event.

"Eventually [Kesha] agreed to do the show, and we immediately jumped on the opportunity," Dayal said.

Dayal started Bands4Change in 2015 after interning at the Stranahan Theater a few months prior to learn about coordination logistics for planning larger-scale events.

She said she wants Bands4Change to create events that spotlight global issues and raise funds for charities.

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Maumee Valley Country Day School senior Maya Dayal created Bands4Change to benefit charities and humanitarian causes.



ABOVE: Kesha will be performing at the Stroh Center on the campus of Bowling Green State University.

LEFT: Light Horizon will be one of the opening acts.