



**BIAWA is excited to announce our Academic Scholarship Recipients
for the 2012-2013 Academic Year!**

Shahaela Doyle is the recipient of the **Em Finlay Western Washington Student Scholarship**.



Shahaela sustained a TBI in 2008 while vacationing with her family in Verona, Italy. Those close to her shared that “even with a full schedule and the challenges she faced with her injury, Shahaela maintained high standards” throughout her high school years exhibiting “resilience and adaptation.” Shahaela graduated from Woodinville High School in June of 2012 and will be attending Western Washington University in the fall.

Patrick Budig and **Carol Zinke** are the joint recipients of our **Eastern Washington Student Scholarship**.



Patrick Budig had to learn to walk and talk all over again after his brain injury, and he recognizes that every day is a struggle. Despite this, Patrick continues to work hard at school to better his life and is pursuing an Associate in Science at North Idaho College with a minor in theatre and has maintained a 4.0. Patrick will graduate from North Idaho College next Spring and hopes to continue his studies in both Biology and Theatre at the University of Washington.



Carol Zinke is presently seeking her Bachelor's degree from the University of Idaho where she has been doing her absolute best to face challenges her brain injury brings to her education. According to her professor, Carol is "smart, engaged and unfailingly reliable. She works hard in her classes, devoting the time and energy required to succeed...when she meets an obstacle, she develops a strategy to get herself over or around it."

Silas James is the recipient of the **Higher Education/Professional Scholarship**.



Silas will be pursuing a degree in public administration from the University of Washington's Evans School of Public Administration in order to actualize his dream of starting a nonprofit "that will serve as a place where young people with brain injuries and limited or no work experience can develop the skill sets necessary to gain competitive employment." Silas has been involved with the brain injury community for several years contributing in a number of ways which include facilitating a support group for young adults, serving on the planning committee for the WA TBI Conference, and working on the TBI Model System Study. According to one of his professors, "a success for Silas in graduate school will mean a success for our community in the future."