

2017 Academic Scholarship Recipients:

Recipients of the Higher Education/Professional Scholarship:

Negin Kourehpazan



We were thrilled to offer Negin the Higher Education Scholarship. She was the BIAWA King County Resource Manager for three years and left to pursue a Doctor of Nurse Practitioner Degree at Seattle University. Through her time with BIAWA, Negin was able to gain hands on experience about the symptoms and struggles survivors of brain injury endure on a daily basis. She plans to specialize in Neurology and continue to care for those who have sustained a brain injury.



Trevor Duncan

Trevor is currently completing his clinical training in Yakima for a Doctor of Psychology Degree. Trevor wishes to continue working with survivors of brain injury in Central Washington, an area where far more providers are needed. After graduation, Trevor plans to obtain postdoctoral training in Neuropsychology and brain injury rehabilitation.

Courtnie Paschall



Courtnie is currently in her second year in the combined MD-PhD program at University of Washington School of Medicine. Her long term goal is to serve the brain injury community as a Neurosurgeon and Medical Researcher. In addition, Courtnie has a particular heart for working with combat related TBI veterans. Courtnie is also very interested in medical research that can advance the medical care options of future patients.

Recipients of the Lisa Hansen-Yarussi Undergraduate Scholarship:

Robert Carr



Rob has survived two strokes and multiple sports related concussions. Rob is currently pursuing a degree in Trauma Informed Practices and Expressive Art Therapy. Rob hopes to combine Art Therapy with trauma-informed counseling in order to assist trauma survivors with suicide prevention.

Kevin Laakso



We were happy to award Kevin a scholarship to continue his goal of obtaining an Associates Degree from Whatcom Community College. Kevin sustained a brain injury in 2012 when he had a seizure. He has overcome many personal struggles since and is close to obtaining his degree.