



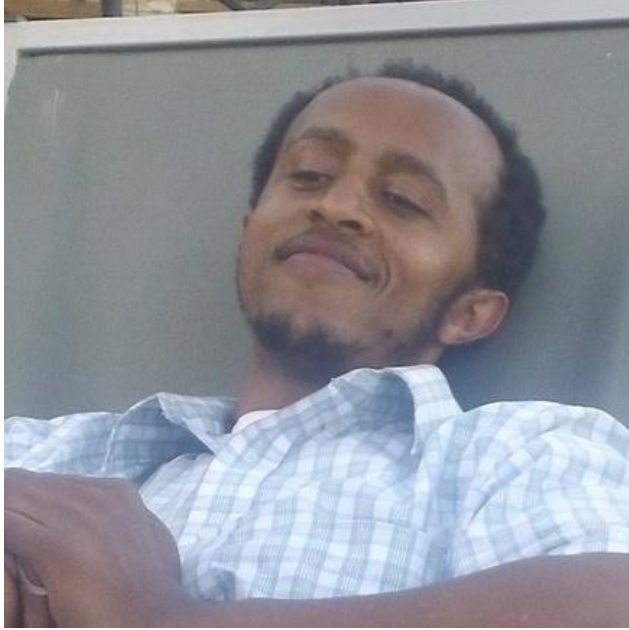
**We at BIAWA are excited to announce our Academic Scholarship
Recipients
for the 2013-2014 Academic Year!**



Allison McCann is the recipient of the **Eastern Washington Student Scholarship.**

Allison has been diagnosed with three separate concussions over the past three years, her first one a sports injury while playing Soccer, her favorite sport. Despite that Allison's concussions restricted her attendance at school to only three class periods per day, she graduated from High School this past June. Allison strives to do the best she can in anything and everything. Through this process she is learning to cope with what she is dealing with and has been able to use this hardship to help others overcome their own. Allison will be

attending the Spokane Falls Community College to earn her Associate of Arts Degree in General Education.



Yonas Seifu is the recipient of our **Em Finlay Western Washington Student Scholarship**.

Yonas sustained a TBI when he was struck by a stray bullet that left him critically wounded. However, this tragedy didn't deter his dreams; in fact, it has rejuvenated his passion for life. Yonas has gone on to earn a double undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering and Economics and will be pursuing his MBA at the University of

Washington's Foster School of Business. He currently volunteers at Washington CASH and Ethiopia Community in Seattle. A life-altering injury has caused Yonas to self-reflect and identify a new sense of urgency and purpose which he will utilize a UW Foster MBA to accomplish.



Teresa Polizzi is the recipient of the **Higher Education/Professional Scholarship**.

Teresa sustained a TBI in 2008 while attending Central Washington University. With the support of her therapists, in particular her OT, Teresa practiced the life skills crucial for academic and social success. Teresa now feels a calling to pay forward the healing power of rehabilitation, in particular OT. She is pursuing her Masters in OT at the University of

Washington and will use her unique perspective to help others live life to the fullest. An OT had this to say about Teresa, “It is without a doubt that Teresa Polizzi is an extraordinary example of a young lady that has redefined her misfortunes and opens herself to explore a world of new opportunities.”