



## BAYVIEW GLEN

# Distinguished Alumnus Award 2014

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The 2014 Bayview Glen  
Distinguished Alumnus Award  
is presented to:

**NATALIE HIGASHI '99**

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The 2014 Bayview Glen Distinguished Alumnus Award is presented to Natalie Higashi '99. Through this award, the Bayview Glen Alumni Association acknowledges the passion, dedication and knowledge that she brings to her profession.

Natalie is an international journalist, as well as a film producer, writer, and editor. Natalie graduated with distinction from University of Toronto's Trinity College in International Relations and Women's Studies (2003), followed by an MFA from the London Film School (2007), as well as an MA in International Journalism from City University London (2010).

In 2008 the film she produced entitled, 'Wings of Blue Angels,' won the Trailblazer Award for up and coming young filmmaker at the International Edinburgh Film Festival. When Natalie returned to Canada, she wrote and directed a documentary for CBC's, "The Current" about the high rate of intermarriage in the Japanese-Canadian community.

As an active member of the Japanese-Canadian Cultural Centre, Natalie sat on the Board of Directors for the Nikkei Heritage Committee, and was a core member of the SEDAI Project, dedicated to collecting and preserving stories of Canadians with Japanese Heritage.

As the acting managing editor in 2012, Natalie also helped rejuvenate the only national Japanese-Canadian newspaper, *Nikkei Voice*. Natalie is the founding and managing director of Moringa Media, a film production and strategic communications company. She is currently living in Lyon, France, working on a documentary about the journey of INTERPOL during the leadership of the current Secretary General, Mr. Ronald K. Noble.

During Natalie's time at Bayview Glen she was the first to participate in a Round Square exchange to Schule Birklehof in Germany where she met lifelong friends. Bayview Glen School is proud to present Natalie Higashi '99, with the Distinguished Alumnus Award 2014.