



## BAYVIEW GLEN

# Distinguished Alumnus Award 2011

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The 2011 Bayview Glen  
Distinguished Alumnus Award  
is presented to:

**BRENDON D. POORAN '94**

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The 2011 Bayview Glen Distinguished Alumnus Award is presented to Brendon D. Pooran '94, a Toronto-based lawyer. Through this award, the Bayview Glen Alumni Association acknowledges Brendon's accomplishments through his legal practice, which primarily focusses on disability issues.

Brendon's commitment to advocacy led to the creation of his unique boutique law firm, Pooranlaw, which provides a voice for people with disabilities and serves as a resource for accessibility issues throughout Ontario. Brendon regularly provides advice to individuals, families, organizations and government.

In addition to his legal practice, he also teaches critical disability law at York University and adjudicates proceedings as a lawyer member on the Ontario Consent and Capacity Board.

Brendon sits on the Board of Directors at Community Living York South, a not-for-profit organization that provides support services to children, youth, adults and seniors who have an intellectual disability and live in southern

York Region; MukiBaum Treatment Centres, a non-profit charitable organization that serves children, adolescents and adults with dual diagnosis within various programmes located in York Region and throughout the Greater Toronto Area; and PLAN Toronto, an organization which creates networks, develop resources, cultivates innovation and promotes thinking to foster the contribution of people who are isolated and marginalized.

Brendon holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Queen's University and a Bachelor of Laws degree from Osgoode Hall Law School at York University. But mostly importantly, Brendon received his secondary school diploma from Bayview Glen, when he graduated as Head Prefect in 1994.

He attributes his strongest friendships, as well as his interests in music, sports and social justice to his 16 years at Bayview Glen. Brendon also holds the distinction as the first alumnus to serve on the school's Board of Directors (2004-2007). Brendon and his wife, Cheryl, are proud parents of three beautiful children, Hudson, Cienne and Nya.