



BAYVIEW GLEN

Distinguished Alumnus Award 2018



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is presented to:

CAROLINE CASILLAS '99

The 2018 Bayview Glen Distinguished Alumnus Award is presented to Caroline Casillas '99. Through this award, the Bayview Glen Alumni Association honours and acknowledges the contribution, passion and impact that she has made on her profession and the community.

Caroline (MacCorkindale) Casillas graduated from Bayview Glen in 1999, and discovered her keen sense of adventure and gusto in living life. Carrie participated in a Round Square exchange to Cape Town, South Africa during her time at Bayview Glen. Once Carrie graduated, she pursued her Bachelor of Child Development at Seneca, obtained her Bachelor of Education at Lakehead University, and also obtained her Master of Education degree from Concordia University in Oregon. Carrie began her teaching career at Bayview Glen, where she taught preschool and kindergarten. However, that keen sense of adventure took her to Northern California.

Looking for a change and with the same spirit that she exhibited at Bayview Glen, Carrie moved to Stockton, California to teach second grade. Stockton is one of the toughest, most impoverished, and crime-ridden cities in the United States; this was a change from Bayview Glen

in Toronto. However, Carrie thrived in this environment and through handwork and dedication, she is now the Director of Child Development at Highlands Community Charter School in Sacramento, California. Carrie runs the day-to-day operations of an Adult High School Programme/Child Development Programme that, in particular, focusses on at-risk adults. Carrie's dedication to the team and to her students has increased enrollment.

As an adult educator, Carrie stresses the importance to develop a work programme for students to sustain their progress in their educational endeavours. To assist in this regard, Carrie also runs the daily logistics of an on-site preschool programme, which is provided free of charge to the adult students. As an advocate for adult education, Carrie has done an immense amount of public speaking in community forums to build partnerships, encourage enrollment and continue community outreach.

Carrie is truly an inspiration to us all. From her vast experience, we can all learn that we are all capable and deserving of the chance to succeed, the chance to start over and the chance to take a hold of our own lives.