



BAYVIEW GLEN

Distinguished Alumnus Award 2019



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is presented to:

JONATHAN MONETA '03

The 2019 Bayview Glen Distinguished Alumnus Award is presented to Jonathan Moneta '03. Through this award, the Bayview Glen Alumni Association honours and acknowledges the passion, impact and entrepreneurialism he has made on his profession and the community.

Jonathan Moneta graduated from Bayview Glen in 2003, and quickly made his mark on the world through his artistic and entrepreneurial endeavours. During his time at Bayview Glen, Jonathan was actively involved in the theatrical arts, and memorably portrayed the 'Scarecrow' in *Wizard of Oz* and 'Seymour' in *Little Shop of Horrors*. Jonathan pursued a Bachelor of Fine Arts from York University, and quickly found his entrepreneurial spirit. During university, Jonathan ran the first of several successful businesses, and he continued this streak after graduation.

Jonathan was able to create a role in an up and coming industry, and fuse his interests together. Jonathan is the founder and creative director at MakeLab Studio, a laboratory of interactive technology. He leads a team of engineers, fabricators, designers and theatrical producers, who have together produced more than 800 interactive experiences for museums, festivals, and companies

around the world. In many ways, MakeLab is a hybrid of engineering and art, of science and nature. Jonathan merged his background in theatre and his interest in technology to launch MakeLab, which puts professional tech equipment into the hands of amateurs. Jonathan was infested in innovative ways to engage people with technology, and started to acquire 3D printers. As more equipment was purchased, such as laser cutters and a digital graffiti wall, they began to branch out into museums, art galleries, festivals, and trade shows.

The studio is truly a product of his interests first explored here at Bayview Glen. Jonathan credits his teachers, such as Ms. Astrella, Mr. Vivian, Ms. Hulan, Mr. DesLauriers and Mr. Hitchcock for helping him explore these interests. Jonathan is truly lucky to have carved a profession for himself, that he credits with his interests at Bayview Glen. MakeLab continues to grow, and even has an edible selfie booth.

Jonathan truly embodies the entrepreneurial spirit, and is an inspiration to all of us. From his experience, we can all learn that we are capable of taking the brave step on our own, and not forgetting that our interests can play a role in our future careers.