



TWENTY-NINTH
Commencement Ceremony
May 2, 2009

The MGH Institute of Health Professions gratefully acknowledges the use of the Harvard Medical School Quadrangle and the assistance of its staff with the arrangements for the Commencement festivities.

The US flag on the platform was flown over the US Capitol on August 27, 2001, at the request of The Honorable Senator Mitch McConnell. The flag was presented to Dr. Sandra Jones, program coordinator for the Hanson Initiative for Language and Literacy (HILL), by the Paducah, Kentucky Rotary at the request of Dale Hanson, co-founding donor of the HILL. Dr. Jones accepted the flag on behalf of the HILL, the Graduate Program in Communication Sciences and Disorders, and the MGH Institute of Health Professions.

The Institute also acknowledges with thanks the participation of the administration, faculty, staff, and students who contributed their ideas, time, and energy to ensure the success of these Commencement events.



*MGH Institute of Health Professions
Twenty-ninth Commencement Ceremony*

SATURDAY, THE SECOND OF MAY
IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND NINE
AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

The Harvard Medical School Quadrangle
Boston, Massachusetts

History of the MGH Institute of Health Professions

In 1873, MGH established one of the first schools of nursing—the Boston Training School for Nurses—based on the principles of Florence Nightingale, which became the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses in 1896 and the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing in 1940. When this diploma school closed in 1981, it was the oldest continuously operating school of nursing in the United States and was the predecessor to the MGH Institute’s School of Nursing.

Since many health care professions evolved from hospital-based needs, the MGH Institute’s educational programs initially developed through onsite clinical training activities. Departures from this pattern came during the 1940s and 1950s as colleges and universities assumed responsibility for health professions education. The shift from hospital-based to academy-based education raised several issues; the separation often caused a lack of integration between clinical and didactic aspects of health care curriculum.

Ruth Sleeper, Director of the MGH School of Nursing from 1946 to 1966, recognized the implications of these changes in nursing education and in 1964 promoted the idea of a freestanding, degree-granting institution at MGH. In the late 1960s, Dr. John Hilton Knowles, MGH General Director, expanded the idea to include all non-physician education programs for health care professionals and proposed a hospital-based program at an advanced level, referred to internally as “MGH University.”

In the early 1970s, Dr. Charles Sanders, Knowles’ successor, pursued the idea of a degree program along with Dr. Henry Mankin, Chair of the MGH Committee on Teaching and Education, and John E. Lawrence, then the chair of the MGH Board of Trustees.

Acting faculty, comprising MGH department heads, planned academic programs in nursing, speech, physical therapy, dietetics, social work, respiratory therapy and radiologic technology. In 1975, a petition to grant degrees was submitted to the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education. A visiting committee conducted a site visit and a public hearing was held, at which local colleges and universities voiced opposition to the establishment of a free-standing school governed by the hospital.

In 1977, Massachusetts General Hospital was awarded degree-granting authority by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The first Provost and program directors in dietetics, nursing, physical therapy and social work were hired. The Institute officially opened as the MGH Institute of Health Professions in 1980, admitting its first students in Physical Therapy and Social Work.

The following year the first students enrolled in the Dietetics program and the Institute held its first graduation, awarding four certificates in social work. In 1982, the first nursing students were admitted, and in 1983 the first degree, a Master of Science, was awarded in Physical Therapy. That year the Institute also hired the first program director for Speech-Language Pathology.

In 1985, the MGH Institute was incorporated with its own Board of Trustees, hired its first President, received initial accreditation from the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), and began granting degrees for the Master of Science in Nursing. Throughout the 1980s and early 1990s, the MGH Institute continued to change and grow.

A faculty award for excellence in teaching, given annually at Commencement, was established and later named in honor of Nancy T. Watts, Professor Emerita, physical therapist and educator, who was instrumental in the founding of the Institute. The Nursing program was accredited by the National League for Nursing, the Social Work program closed, students enrolled in the speech program, renamed Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD), and the Institute moved to 101 Merrimac Street—the first time faculty, staff and students were all together under one roof.

By 1994, when Partners HealthCare was formed by the Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital, the MGH Institute's enrollment had reached 500 students. The following year, the entry-level Physical Therapy program opened, the Dietetics Program closed, and the Graduate Program in Nursing revised its curriculum to prepare nurse practitioners. In 1996, the Institute received degree-granting authority in Clinical Investigation, and the CSD program was awarded teacher certification by the Massachusetts Department of Education.

The year 1997 saw the MGH Institute's endowment reach \$15 million. The Alumni Association was established, the first students were admitted to the Clinical Investigation program, the CSD program received accreditation from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and the Professional Program in Physical Therapy was accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. In 1998, the Institute celebrated its 20th anniversary and graduated its 1,000th alumnus. In 1999, the first Clinical Investigation student graduated, and the Institute began offering courses online.

The new century brought many changes. The Institute converted its entry-level Master of Science in Physical Therapy to the new Doctor of Physical Therapy. The Hanson Initiative for Language and Literacy (HILL) was established within the CSD program to advance whole school reform for how reading is taught. The Institute purchased Building 36 in the Charlestown Navy Yard. Working with a \$2 million gift from the Catherine Filene Shouse Foundation, renovations turned Building 36 into a state-of-the-art educational facility. The Institute moved in December 2001, renaming it the Catherine Filene Shouse Building.

By 2002, the endowment exceeded \$20 million. That June, the Institute celebrated its 25th anniversary and formally dedicated the Catherine Filene Shouse Building, having raised \$4.4 million toward it. In 2003, the Institute received degree-granting authority for the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Medical Imaging and the first students enrolled in the program in the fall of 2004.

As enrollment grew, the Institute was creating new traditions while honoring its historical roots. The 2004 Commencement activities were expanded to include an Honors Convocation. The nursing faculty created a nursing honor society—which is now the Upsilon Lambda chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International—and inducted the first honorees. With a grant from the MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association, the former MGH School of Nursing's archives were permanently relocated to a new, climate-controlled space on campus.

The Distinguished Alumni Award was established in 2005 and the first recipient was honored at the 25th Commencement, which featured an academic procession with alumni from each of the preceding twenty-four years carrying their class flags. Alumni were led by a representative from the MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association, carrying the flag of the MGH School of Nursing,

symbolizing the historical link between the School of Nursing and the Institute's nursing program. Each year representatives from the graduating class and from the MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association lead the academic procession, and their flags join those from the previous classes. In 2006, the Distinguished Alumni Award was named in honor of Bette Ann Harris '83, the first graduate of the MGH Institute.

In 2007, the endowment exceeded \$36 million. That summer marked the inauguration of two new annual events: an official Reunion Weekend for five, ten, fifteen and twenty year classes, and a Scholarship Gala to benefit the President's Scholarship endowment. The nursing program accepted its first students into a new Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program, and became one of the first nursing programs in the country to offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, a new clinical doctorate for master's prepared nurses.

Earlier this year, the Graduate Program in Nursing was designated a School of Nursing, to better reflect the size and breadth of its academic offerings. Today, enrollment at the MGH Institute exceeds 800 full- and part-time students across nursing, physical therapy, communication sciences and disorders, medical imaging and clinical investigation.

Commencement Ceremony

PROCESSIONAL

Lesley A. Maxwell, *Faculty Marshal*

WELCOME

George E. Thibault, *Chair, Board of Trustees*

GREETINGS FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL

OPENING REMARKS

Janis P. Bellack, *President and John Hilton Knowles Professor*

GREETINGS AND WELCOME FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Patrick Alexis '03, *President, Alumni Association*

STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Parneet Kaur, *Physical Therapy Class of 2009*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, *Executive Director, Health Care for All*

BETTE ANN HARRIS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Dr. Deborah L. Givens, '90, '05

NANCY T. WATTS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

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RECESSIONAL

The audience is requested to remain in place until the academic procession has withdrawn.

Commencement Speaker

AMY WHITCOMB SLEMMER JD, BA

Executive Director, Health Care For All

Amy Whitcomb Slemmer is a health care attorney who brings more than twenty years of health policy and management experience in national and local arenas to Health Care For All. During her career, Ms. Slemmer has earned a reputation for her commitment to social justice, her ability to foster collaborations and partnerships, and for leading with vision and passion.

Prior to joining Health Care For All, Ms. Slemmer was the Executive Officer of Biomedical Services for the American Red Cross in Washington, DC, which is responsible for supplying nearly half of the nation's blood supply. As President of Slemmer & Associates Grassroots Advocacy, she provided advice and counsel to a diverse group of health care organizations as they negotiated the federal legislative process.

During her tenure as Executive Director of DC Vote, Ms. Slemmer gained national recognition and attention for her advocacy efforts on behalf of DC residents' fight to gain full voting rights in Congress.

Ms. Slemmer has served as Legislative Counsel for the National Association of People with AIDS and as Director of Public Education for the Health Care Reform Project. She began her health policy career as a member of Senator Edward M. Kennedy's Health Staff.

Ms. Slemmer graduated with honors from Wheaton College with a Bachelors of Arts degree and earned a Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center. She is admitted to the Massachusetts Bar. Ms. Slemmer is a member of the Washington Interfaith Network, an IAF affiliate, a founding member of Project Northstar Homeless Tutorial Project and a Board Member of the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition.

Ms. Slemmer's work has been published by a number of organizations, including the American Red Cross, the Poverty & Race Research Action Council, the Washington Post, and the National Association of Public Hospitals.

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Guoming Zhu†

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

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Laura A. Lee*
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Tina Pastrana-Nadeau*
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Marianne Baird Sargent†
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Kellie J. Spillane*
Deborah White*

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY*

Jennifer Suzanne Abramson	Laura Lee Manzanares Licuanan
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Shannon Marie Clarkin	Jessica A. Morse
Jeffrey Paul Davis	Lauren E. Moses White
Alissa Smythe Elwin	Jenna Muri-Rosenthal
Katie Lynn Eriksen	JungAh Nam
Hilary Robyn B. Frost	Sirad Shirdon
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Kaitlin Marion Hanley	Gillat Simcha Sternberg
Alison Bernadette Hanno	Elizabeth Walton Vaughan
Alyson B. Hoarty	Sydney Ann Wesolowski
Lauren MacNeil Kearney	Erin M. White
Patricia Cuddy Kelley	Courtney Campbell Wilkins
Yumna Zahra Nadezhda Khan	Meredith Adelle Wright
Kerri Michelle Kjorvestad	Jessica Elaine Wu
Emily H. Laubscher	

POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN MEDICAL IMAGING

Sandra Marie Barbosa
Stephen Edward Boxer
Tara Joyce Connolly
 Diane Silvia Foley
Mary Ellen Graham
 Celeste High
Terri B. Humphrey
Kristen Leigh Hurley
 Julie-Ann Keane
Ann Marie Murphy
 Sean O'Brien
Marissa L. Vakerlis
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING*

Andrea Banouvong
Oleksandr Barchuk
Erin Beechinor
Caitlin Bermingham
Shannon Marie Buckley
Heather Cheri Bullis
Yi-Ju Fenny Chang
Laura Catherine Childs
Sandra Colasacco
Debbie A. Cullen
Johanna Lee Cusolito
Sarah Lynn Dewitt
Jennifer Lee Dooley
Daniel Arturo Dovalina
Richard Spencer Fitzgerald II
Christine Patricia Fleming
Wadia Gilles Fowler
Sarah Louise Fullam
Amy Ruth Kehaulani Gearheard
Kelly Michelle Hoyt
Rachael Carol Hyler
Brianna Christine Jakubik
Karanja Kabuga

Juliet Owusu Koko
Elizabeth E. Kopec
Melinda Luber
Karen A. Malone
Stacey Lyn Mandeville
Keri Ann McGlocklin
Erin Lyons McManus
Neeti R. Mehta
Shawna Alexandra Melin
Megan Elizabeth O'Connor
Katelyn Elizabeth O'Toole
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Alice Maraya Husted
Moriane Joseph
Sonya Marie Kao
Shana L. Kaplan
Linda Kathryn Kelly
Kathryn Sheila Kieran
Sophal Lam
Lisa Jan Liss
Janet Lorang
Jessica Ann Lynch*
Chantelle Frances Marshall

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING *(Continued)*

Raymond E. Martin	Catherine Ann Silva
Dana Marie McCabe	Sarah Katherine Sjostrom*
Kara Lynne Moran	Autumn Mariah Smith
Catherine Alexis Morin	Jill St. George
Karen B. Mueller	Mari Stackpoole
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Christine Reynolds Ordway	Elizabeth Tanguay
Diana Taylor Page	Jason Andrew Telles
Emily Susannah Parker	Sarah Elizabeth Terry
Yolanda Ann Perez-Shulman	Crystal Dawn Therrien
Katherine Elaine Petersen	Leigh Ann Oppenheimer Thomas
Lindsey Marie Piper	Andrea Hopkins Thurler
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Marion Louise Rideout	Elizabeth Chopin Vitale*
Jessica Lynn Rodriguez	Meghan Lane Walsh
Teresa Ann Rufo	Elisabeth R. Warner
Cyllene Arice Saintelien*	Julia Catherine Weeks
Lori Ann Schulman	Marlena Witczak
Adrienne E. Schulten	Stephen Paul Wood
Bronwyn Elizabeth Sewell	Jesse Zaitchik
Dana Lynn Sheer	

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Margaret Ann Ackerman	Janet E. Mayne*
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DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Professional Program in Physical Therapy

Jeanna Marie Allegrone [†]	Laura Suzanne Little [†]
Katherine Lydia Booth	Reggie Mendiola
Kyle Brahaney [†]	Douglas Miller [†]
Susan Marie Breunig [†]	Andrew Douglas Mish [†]
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MaryHelen Elizabeth Curran [†]	Alyssa Renee Okun [†]
Lyndsay Catherine D'Amato [†]	Stephen Patrick Pickering
Anna Marie Demos [†]	Kristen Marie Reynolds [†]
Stephen Evitts [†]	Sandra Robinson [†]
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DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Post-Professional Program in Physical Therapy

Melissa Aspuru-Rovner	Susan Marie Esty [†]
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Lisa E. Brown	Jill Marie Hackney [†]
Carolina Carmona	Corrine Frances Hatt
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Gregory Evans Crossman, Jr. [†]	Stephanie Anne Haynes
Holly Elizabeth Curry	Eric Shinobu Honbo
Elizabeth Mary Cyr [†]	Ritchie Luoh Jong [†]
Sheilah Nicole Davis	James Joseph [†]
Johan Christian de Besche [†]	Thomas Robert Kascak [†]
Giselle Candice DeFreitas*	Jessica Lauren Konter
Julia Anne DeMaria	Betsey A. Kurian*
Susan Bradway Donnelly	Eileen Foley Lang
Cornelius J. Donnelly	James Joseph Leonardo [†]
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DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY *(Continued)*
Post-Professional Program in Physical Therapy

Moshe Marko [†]	Gretchen Anne Roman
Karin Ruth Massey	John Christopher Rossi
Jill Nancy McDougall [†]	Lori Beth Rubenstein
Robert John McElroy [†]	Irene F. Saad
Deirdre Patricia McLoughlin [†]	Heather Joy Salon*
Kristin McNealus [†]	Dianne Ruth Scully [†]
Joti Melwani	Abha M. Shah*
Susan Plumer Miller	Yingshan Shyu*
Marcia Gottesman Moore	Amy Elaine Smith [†]
Karen Ann Morgan	Brian Taber
Robin Osburn Myers	Alison Ferrari Thaxter [†]
Gentian Shepherd Nuzzo	Robin Catherine Tracy [†]
Ogechukwu Charles Okoli [†]	Timothy J. Vasques [†]
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Arie V. Poremba*	

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICAL THERAPY

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Monika Chhabra	Neeti Hasmukh Nandu
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Nishita Kishore Desai	Shruti Saxena
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Gurneet Kaur	Neha Krishna Singh
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Nikita S. Nabar	Shikha Yadav

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY IN PHYSICAL THERAPY

Matthieu Pascal Boisgontier

The listing of the names in this program in no way implies an obligation on the part of the MGH Institute of Health Professions to award a given degree.

*Degree in progress [†]Degree or certificate awarded in January 2009

Awards and Honors

BETTE ANN HARRIS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

In 2005 and in recognition of the Twenty-fifth Commencement Ceremony, the Institute established the Distinguished Alumni Award to be conferred annually at Commencement. It is the highest form of recognition bestowed upon an alumna or alumnus of the MGH Institute of Health Professions. It is given to a graduate who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, achievement and service in advancing health care through the professions and in support of the mission of the MGH Institute in one or more of the following ways:

- Expanding and refining the scientific basis for clinical practice through research and scholarship
- Contributing to new models of practice to foster provision of effective, affordable and ethical health care
- Contributing significantly to advancing the mission, reputation and standards of the MGH Institute

The Distinguished Alumni Award is named in honor of Bette Ann Harris, the first graduate of the Institute. A distinguished alumna herself, she exemplifies all the award criteria through her contributions as a physical therapist, Institute faculty member and, for ten years, Director of the Institute's Graduate Programs in Physical Therapy.

Past Recipients of the Bette Ann Harris Distinguished Alumni Award

2005	Annabel Edwards '87, '99
2006	Jennifer Bottomley '86
2007	Sheila Davis '97, '08
2008	Leoni Nelson '84, '02

NANCY T. WATTS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

In 1989, the Institute established an Award for Excellence in Teaching to recognize individual faculty members for outstanding achievement in teaching. Professor Emerita Nancy T. Watts was the first recipient of the award, and in 1996 the award was renamed in her honor. The award, given annually at Commencement, honors a distinguished Institute faculty member who exhibits creativity in teaching methods, has demonstrated ability to mentor faculty and students, and is recognized by faculty colleagues as outstanding in the field of teaching.

Past Recipients of the Watts Award for Excellence in Teaching

1989	Nancy T. Watts	1999	Inge B. Corless
1990	Sylvia D. Paige	2000	Mary P. Watkins
1991	Barbara F. Willson	2001	Lesley A. Maxwell
1992	Daniel A. Dyrek	2002	Bette Ann Harris
1993	Michael D. Smith	2003	Kathleen Gill-Body
1994	James M. Hodgson	2004	Pamela E. Hook
1995	Patrice K. Nicholas	2005	Marjorie L. Nicholas
1996	No award given	2006	Ann McCarthy-Jacobson
1997	Carol H. Kammer	2007	Linda C. Andrist
1998	Janice Bell Meisenhelder	2008	Sharon P. Sullivan

THE FOLLOWING AWARDS WERE PRESENTED
AT THE ANNUAL HONORS CONVOCATION ON MAY 1, 2009

CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

Award for Academic Excellence

Yamini Sudha Gundimeda

Exceptional Advanced Practice

Clinician and Mentor Award

Janet Mayne

Judith Fong Bressler Nursing Faculty Prize

Lesley E. Adkison

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES
AND DISORDERS

Julie Atwood Award for Excellence

Alina Michelle Carter

Faculty and Student Recognition for

Outstanding Leadership

Accelerated Baccalaureate Nursing Program

Richard Spencer Fitzgerald II

Award for Excellence in Clinical Supervision

Barbara Worth

Faculty Recognition for Academic/

Clinical Excellence

Accelerated Baccalaureate Nursing Program

Sarah Lynn DeWitt

Faculty Award for Excellence

John Costello

Brianna Christine Jakubik

Kenneth N. Stevens Student Research Award

Asako Masaki Wehner

The Lavinia Lloyd Dock Award for

Scholarly Writing

Doctor of Nursing Practice Program

Susan Patricia Stevens

Student Award for Innovation

Stephanie Rose Baldwin

MEDICAL IMAGING

Clinical Excellence Award

Julie-Ann Keane

Miriam "Mim" J. Huggard, SON '31

Nursing Scholarship

Erin Lyons McManus

Academic Excellence Award

Tara Joyce Connolly

Diane Silvia Foley

PHYSICAL THERAPY

Marjorie K. Ionta Awards

for Clinical Excellence

Minhee Throneburg, Professional Program

Ritu Kunal Chhabriya,

Post-Professional Program

Excellence in Clinical Instruction Award

Barry D. Hall

NURSING

Harriet Towle Excellence in

Clinical Nursing Practice Award

Jason Andrew Telles

Adams Fellow Awards

Laura Suzanne Little, Professional Program

Lamia H. Alzayer, Post-Professional Program

Rebecca Colvin Prize

Katherine Elaine Petersen

Mary Mankin Prize

Lamia H. Alzayer

Josephine Mangio Keaveney Memorial

Nursing Prize

Janet M. Dorrwachter

Outstanding Clinical Educator Award

Deborah Couture

Academic Regalia

Academic regalia is a unique academic custom that began in the Middle Ages when scholars at European universities wore hoods and gowns as their customary daily attire. The distinctive gowns, caps and hoods were designed to represent various trades and professions and to reflect the different levels of education. Bachelors of Arts were apprentices; Masters of Arts were teachers; and Doctors were teachers who had completed post-graduate studies. The regalia worn in academic ceremonies in modern day America is derived primarily from the gowns worn at Oxford University.

The Master's gowns are set apart by pleated front panels and an oblong sleeve that falls below the knee. The sleeve is squared at the end into which a semi-circle is cut. The Doctor's gowns are more elaborate with velvet panels down the front and around the neck with three velvet stripes running across the bell-shaped sleeves. The variety of styles and colors seen in the procession reflects a university's own distinguishing custom for its doctoral robes. Other symbolic characteristics are sometimes worn on the gown, such as ribbons or cords, to symbolize honors such as Phi Beta Kappa.

All levels of degree candidates and recipients wear the square mortarboard caps. Doctors sometimes wear the soft, beret-style cap. The tassels worn on both mortarboards and berets are sometimes color-coded by the major field of learning but may be black for any degree. The gold metallic thread tassel is reserved for doctors and/or the governing officials of institutions. Candidates for graduation wear the tassel on the right side, changing it to the left side after the degree is conferred.

The most distinctive characteristics in academic regalia are found on the hood, an ornamental and symbolic article draped over the shoulders and back which connotes the level of degree, the field of study, and the degree-granting institution. The size of the hood and width of velvet trimming conveys level of degree. The color of the velvet border identifies the field of study. Listed below are some of the colors represented in the academic procession today:

Communication Sciences and Disorders.....	Gray
Education.....	Light Blue
Medicine	Green
Nursing	Apricot
Philosophy (PhD)	Dark Blue
Physical Therapy (post-professional).....	Yellow
Physical Therapy	Teal
Public Health	Salmon Pink
Science	Golden Yellow
Social Work	Citron

The silk lining of the hood denotes the colors of the institution granting the highest degree earned by that individual. Hoods for the MGH Institute of Health Professions are lined in teal and silver.

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