

THIRTY-SECOND Commencement Ceremony May 10, 2012

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# MGH Institute of Health Professions 32<sup>nd</sup> Commencement Ceremony

THURSDAY, THE 10<sup>th</sup> OF MAY IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWELVE

AWARDS AND HOODING CEREMONIES AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

The John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center Boston, Massachusetts

# History of the MGH Institute of Health Professions

In 1873, Massachusetts General Hospital (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 later the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing. By the time 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 on-site clinical training activities. The shift from hospital-based to college and university-based education for health sciences raised several issues, including 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 free-standing, degree-granting institution affiliated with MGH. In the late 1960s, Dr. John Hilton Knowles, then MGH General Director, expanded the idea to include all non-physician education programs for health care professionals and proposed establish an "MGH University," which would offer hospital-based, advanced level training programs.

In the early 1970s, Dr. Charles A. Sanders, Knowles' successor, along with Dr. Henry Mankin, Chair of the MGH Committee on Teaching and Education, and John E. Lawrence, then Chair of the MGH Board of Trustees, pursued the idea of creating an affiliated graduate degree school.

In 1975, a petition to grant degrees was submitted to the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education. 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 as well as program directors in dietetics, nursing, physical therapy, and social work were hired. The MGH Institute of Health Professions officially opened in 1980, admitting its first students in physical therapy and social work.

A year later, 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 began a new speech-language pathology graduate program.

In 1985, the MGH Institute was incorporated with an independent Board of Trustees, hired its first President, and received initial accreditation from the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

Throughout the 1980s and early 1990s, the MGH Institute continued to grow and change. A faculty award for excellence in teaching was established and later named in honor of Nancy T. Watts, Professor Emerita, a nationally prominent physical therapist and educator who was instrumental in the Institute's founding. The nursing program achieved specialized accreditation, the social work program closed, students enrolled in the speech-language pathology program and the speech-language pathology program's academic department was renamed Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD). The Institute also 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 began, the dietetics program closed, and the nursing program revised its curriculum to prepare nurse practitioners. In 1996, the Institute added a program in clinical investigation, and the speech-language pathology program was awarded teacher certification by the Massachusetts Department of Education.

In 1997, an Alumni Association was established, the first students were admitted to the clinical investigation program, and the speech-language pathology program and the physical therapy programs gained accreditation by their respective specialized accrediting agencies. In 1998, the Institute graduated its 1,000th alumnus, and in 1999, the Institute began offering courses online.

The 21st century brought further growth and change. In 2001, the Institute converted its entry-level Master of Science in Physical Therapy to a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT). In 2000, the Institute purchased Building 36 in the Charlestown Navy Yard. With a \$2 million gift from the Catherine Filene Shouse Foundation, renovations turned it into a state-of-the-art educational facility and shortly thereafter, the Institute relocated to the renamed Catherine Filene Shouse Building in December 2001.

In June of 2002, the Institute celebrated its 25th anniversary and formally dedicated the Shouse Building. Authority to grant a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Medical Imaging was achieved in 2003, with the first students enrolling in the program in the Fall of 2004.

As enrollment grew, the Institute continued to create new traditions while honoring its historical roots. The 2004 Commencement activities were expanded to include an Honors Convocation. A nursing honor society was founded, and in Spring 2008, the society was inducted as Upsilon Lambda chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. 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.

In 2005, a Distinguished Alumni Award was established. The first recipient was honored at the 25th Commencement, which featured an academic procession with alumni from each of the preceding 24 years carrying their respective class flag. 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 – a tradition that has continued since. In 2006, the Distinguished Alumni Award was renamed in honor of Bette Ann Harris '83, the Institute's first degree recipient.

In 2007, the first annual Scholarship Gala was held to generate additional scholarship funds to support students. Also that year, the nursing program accepted its first students into a new Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program, and became one of the first in the country to offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

In 2007, Janis P. Bellack, PhD, RN, FAAN, became the Institute's fifth President, and in 2008, Alex F. Johnson, PhD, CCC-SLP, arrived as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. That same year, the Institute expanded its physical space to two additional buildings in the Navy Yard to accommodate its growing student population.

In 2009, the Graduate Programs in Nursing were designated a School of Nursing to better reflect the size and scope of the academic offerings. The speech-language pathology, physical therapy, and medical imaging programs were reorganized under the umbrella of a new School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, and the clinical investigation program graduated its last students.

In 2010, the Institute consolidated its Commencement activities, including the School hooding and award ceremonies, into one day and moved the event to the Hynes Convention Center. That year also saw the creation of the Emerging Leader Alumni Award for individuals who graduated less than 10 years ago.

In 2011, the school received continuing accreditation for a period of ten years by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). A Center for Interprofessional Studies and Innovation (CIPSI) was created to foster entrepreneurial activity, innovation, and collaboration between faculty and students in the Institute's academic disciplines. Enrollment exceeded 1,100 for the first time, while the number of alumni passed the 4,000 mark.

In 2012, the Institute expanded into a fourth building at 2 Constitution Center, located just outside the Navy Yard and within yards of the U.S.S. Constitution, better known as Old Ironsides. The School of Nursing added a second admission cycle to the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program to meet continued demand, and the Institute received state approval to offer a PhD in Rehabilitation Sciences. Plans are underway to commemorate the Institute's 35th anniversary of its 1977 founding with a series of events in the Fall.

# Awards, Pinning and Hooding Ceremony School of Nursing

### Veterans Auditorium

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Laurie Lauzon Clabo, Dean School of Nursing

#### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Gaurdia E. Banister

Executive Director, The Institute for Patient Care, Massachusetts General Hospital

#### COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

Direct-Entry Nursing Program

Harriet Towle Excellence in Clinical Nursing Practice Award Lauren E. Stouffer

Rebecca Colvin Prize
Siri Chand Kaur Khalsa
"Expanding Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Scope of Practice:
The Future of Nursing and Abortion Care"

Josephine Mangio Keaveney Memorial Nursing Prize Carolyn M. McNamara

Exceptional Advanced Practice Clinician and Mentor Award Noreen M. Leahy, APRN, BC

> Judith A. Fong Nursing Faculty Prize Richard L. Ahern '10

> > Albert Schweitzer Fellows Sophie Shekerow Forte Katie J. Seamon

#### Accelerated Baccalaureate Nursing Program

Faculty and Student Recognition for Outstanding Leadership Elizabeth Marie Sivertsen

Faculty Recognition for Academic/Clinical Excellence Carolyn L. Regan

> Loyd Nichols Staats Scholarship Heather V. Quirk

Miriam "Mim" J. Huggard, SON '31 Nursing Scholarship Elizabeth Marie Sivertsen

### PINNING AND HOODING CEREMONIES

#### CLOSING REMARKS

Laurie Lauzon Clabo, Dean, School of Nursing

# Awards and Hooding Ceremony School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

### Room 302

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Gregory L. Lof, Chair Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

### STUDENT ADDRESS

Eve Berne '12

#### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Pamela Hook Clinical Professor, Communication Sciences and Disorders

#### COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

Julie Atwood Award for Excellence Amy Joy Maguire

Award for Excellence in Clinical Supervision Charlotte Lunde '03

> Faculty Award for Excellence Lauryn Zipse, PhD, CCC-SLP

Kenneth N. Stevens Student Research Award Jessica Chiew Jia Chiann

> Student Award for Innovation Alexis Nicole Smith

Albert Schweitzer Fellow Alexis Nicole Smith

#### HOODING CEREMONY

#### CLOSING REMARKS

Gregory L. Lof, Chair

Class Photos will be taken following this ceremony in Hall D.

# Awards and Hooding Ceremony School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences Department of Physical Therapy Hall D

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Leslie G. Portney, Professor and Chair Department of Physical Therapy

### STUDENT ADDRESS

Jana E. Strom '12

#### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Roya Ghazinouri, DPT, MS, PT
Physical Therapy Clinical Supervisor, Department of Rehabilitation Services, Brigham and Women's Hospital

#### COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

Marjorie K. Ionta Awards for Clinical Excellence Derek Christopher Sople, *Professional Program* Alla'a A. Hassan, *Post-Professional Program* 

Adams Fellow Awards Vanessa M. Kennedy, *Professional Program* Jigisha C. Parekh, *Post-Professional Program* 

> Mary Mankin Prize Sowmya Sridhar

Outstanding Clinical Educator Award Jennifer L. Connors '10

> Albert Schweitzer Fellow Cecilia Z. Jang

#### HOODING CEREMONY

#### CLOSING REMARKS

Leslie G. Portney, Professor and Chair

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## Commencement Ceremony

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Lena Sorenson, Faculty Marshal

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George E. Thibault, Chair, Board of Trustees

#### GREETINGS FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL

Peter L. Slavin, *President* Massachusetts General Hospital

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Janis P. Bellack, President and John Hilton Knowles Professor

#### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Joia Stapleton Mukherjee Director of the Institute of Health and Social Justice Partners in Health

#### EMERGING LEADER ALUMNI AWARD

Jessica Gosnell Caron '07

#### BETTE ANN HARRIS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Lauren A. Katz '95

#### PRESENTATION OF FACULTY EMERITI

Julie Atwood, MEd, CCC-SLP Pamela E. Hook, PhD

#### NANCY T. WATTS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

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Charles Jeans, Clinical Instructor
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

#### RECESSIONAL

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

# Commencement Speaker

Joia Mukherjee, M.D., M.P.H.

Dr. Mukherjee is currently Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School in the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine. She also serves as Medical Director of Partners in Health, a non-profit organization whose mission is "to provide a preferential option for the poor in health care," and as Director of its Institute of Health and Social Justice.

Dr. Mukherjee was born in what was then known as East Pakistan, now Bangladesh, and with her family fled the war there in the early 1970s, joining 10 million refugees in West Bengal. She subsequently emigrated to the United States, where she earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, a master's degree from Michigan State University, and her MD degree from the University of Minnesota. She completed a residency in Infectious Disease, Internal Medicine, and Pediatrics at Massachusetts General Hospital, and earned a Master of Public Health degree from the Harvard School of Public Health.

Involved in health care access and human rights issues since 1989 in the United States, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, and the countries of the former Soviet Union, Dr. Mukherjee joined Partners in Health in 1999. She consults with the World Health Organization (WHO) on the treatment of HIV and multi-drug-resistant TB in developing countries, and serves on the Executive Board of Health Action AIDS, a campaign led by Physicians for Human Rights to address the global AIDS pandemic through international advocacy and education.

With her colleagues at Partners in Health, including Drs. Paul Farmer and Fernet Leandre, Dr. Mukherjee established a program to treat people with HIV infection, known as the HIV Equity Initiative, the first of its kind in a developing country and adopted as a model for the WHO's Millenium Development Goals. Her scholarly work focuses on the human-rights aspects of HIV treatment and on the implementation of complex health interventions in resource-poor settings.

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### Doctor of Physical Therapy Post-Professional Program in Physical Therapy

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# Awards and Honors

#### THE EMERGING LEADER ALUMNI AWARD

The Emerging Leader Alumni Award, established in 2010 by the MGH Institute Board of Trustees, recognizes the accomplishments of an individual who demonstrates outstanding leadership in the health professions and the drive to develop innovative, effective, and responsible health care practices.

The award is open to all alumni who have graduated with their first professional degree from any Institute academic program within the past ten years. It goes to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and made significant contributions to his/her professional disciplines and/or health care in one or more of the following ways:

- Implementing innovative models or programs that contribute to advancing the health professions and have the potential to change the health care landscape;
- Committing to and promoting ethical health care practices in the local and/or global community;
- Using their leadership role and skills to advocate for change and advancement while continuing to
  provide the highest quality of heath care.

Past Recipients of the Emerging Leader Alumni Award

2010 Susan Lax '04

2011 Theresa M. McDonnell '05

#### 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 degree recipient of the Institute.

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
2009 Deborah L. Givens '90, '05
2010 Connie Dahlin '91, '98
2011 Sara Dolan Looby '00

#### 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, provides outstanding mentoring of faculty and students, and is recognized by faculty colleagues as exemplary in the field of teaching.

### Past Recipients of the Nancy T. Watts Award for Excellence in Teaching

1989 Nancy T. Watts	2001 Lesley A. Maxwell
1990 Sylvia D. Paige	2002 Bette Ann Harris
1991 Barbara F. Willson	2003 Kathleen Gill-Body
1992 Daniel A. Dyrek	2004 Pamela E. Hook
1993 Michael D. Smith	2005 Marjorie L. Nicholas
1994 James M. Hodgson	2006 Ann McCarthy-Jacobson
1995 Patrice K. Nicholas	2007 Linda C. Andrist
1997 Carol H. Kammer	2008 Sharon P. Sullivan
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2000 Mary P. Watkins	2011 Anthony J. Guarino

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The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (ASF)'s mission is to develop Leaders in Service: individuals who are dedicated and skilled in meeting the health needs of under served communities, and whose example influences and inspires others. Since the program's inception, Schweitzer Fellows in Boston - competitively chosen from health-focused graduate student applicants in a variety of fields - have worked tirelessly to address health disparities and the social determinants of health throughout the greater Boston and Worcester areas.

# The following awards will be presented at the morning Hooding and Awards Ceremonies

#### Communication Sciences and Disorders

#### Faculty Award for Excellence

This award honors a distinguished faculty member who presents material in a highly effective manner, fosters an atmosphere of individual inquiry, uses class time efficiently, welcomes discussion and expression of diverse points of view, and excels in teaching his or her course.

### Award for Excellence in Clinical Supervision

This award honors a distinguished clinical supervisor who continuously excels in expertise, techniques and methodology, who communicates theoretical and philosophical views clearly, who allows student clinicians to develop independent style and technique, who is an appropriate role model, is easily approachable and supportive of student clinicians, and who uses constructive criticism effectively to support the growth and development of the clinician.

#### Student Award for Innovation

This award honors an individual or group who has shown leadership in working on an academic or clinical project involving community outreach. The awardee seeks to improve upon service delivery relevant to diversity issues and has impressed faculty and/or clinical supervisors with multiple examples of creativity and innovation while attending the graduate program.

#### Kenneth N. Stevens Student Research Award

This award honors a graduating student who has demonstrated superior performance in conducting research that produces new knowledge about normal or disordered human communication.

### Julie Atwood Award for Excellence

This award was established in 1997 in honor of Julie Atwood, former Director of the Speech-Language Pathology Department at Massachusetts General Hospital and Professor at the Institute since its inception. The award is given to a graduating student who possesses a strong base of academic knowledge, applies theory to the delivery of clinical service in an exemplary manner, and demonstrates the highest values and ethics, the ability to apply research findings to clinical practice, and the potential for professional excellence and leadership.

#### Direct-Entry Master of Science in Nursing Program

#### Harriet Towle Excellence in Clinical Nursing Practice Award

This award was established in 1989 by the nursing faculty. In 2006, the award was renamed in memory of Harriet Towle, a 1910 graduate of the MGH School of Nursing and is given annually to a student whom the faculty has selected and who has met several criteria, including documented evidence of clinical judgment and caring and demonstrated initiative and leadership in practice. The recipient must demonstrate respect and empathy for others, enthusiasm, and intellectual curiosity, and be perceived as articulate, conscientious, and patient.

#### Rebecca Colvin Prize

This prize was established by Mr. and Mrs. George Herzlinger to commemorate the life of Rebecca Colvin, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Colvin, who died shortly before enrolling in the Institute's Nursing Program. The prize is awarded annually to a student in recognition of the development of an exceptional scholarly project. Exceptional writing and scholarly integration of theory and research, as well as application to advanced practice nursing, are recognized. The four criteria used in the selection include originality, contribution to advanced practice nursing, quality, and scholarly value.

#### Josephine Mangio Keaveney Memorial Nursing Prize

This prize was established by Madeline M. Keaveney to honor her mother, Mrs. Josephine E. Keaveney, a 1940 graduate of the MGH School of Nursing. Mrs. Keaveney, who worked as a nurse at MGH for several years, later taught LPNs at Pondville State Hospital in Walpole, MA. The prize is awarded to an outstanding student from the RN post-professional program who best exemplifies the caring, spirit and professionalism of Mrs. Josephine E. Keaveney.

#### Exceptional Advanced Practice Clinician and Mentor Award

This award honors a distinguished role model and teacher who demonstrates excellence as an advanced practice clinician and educator. A student-nominated award at the advanced practice level, it provides an opportunity to recognize the individual who combines expert patient care, teaching theoretical concepts, and advanced clinical skills to students in the advanced practice role. This award is presented to those who personify the skills of an expert advanced practice clinician, including evidence-based practice, caring, role modeling, teaching, and compassion.

#### Judith A. Fong Nursing Faculty Prize

This prize was established in 2006 through the generosity of Richard Bressler and Judith A. Fong, a 1968 graduate of the MGH School of Nursing and a current Trustee, to recognize and reward extraordinary clinical excellence by a nursing preceptor. Recipients have demonstrated distinction in the role of mentor to one or more students in the nursing program, and model clinical excellence in nursing practice. The award further recognizes the preceptor who identifies the teaching role as core to professional nursing responsibilities, incorporates principles of adult specific teaching/learning theories, demonstrates recognition of individual student learning needs, and is flexible and seeks out opportunities to help students learn and adapt to the clinical nurse role.

### Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program

### Faculty and Student Recognition for Outstanding Leadership

This award is given to a student graduating from the accelerated baccalaureate nursing program who has been identified by peers and faculty as demonstrating outstanding class leadership.

#### Faculty Recognition for Academic/Clinical Excellence

This award is given to a student graduating from the accelerated baccalaureate nursing program (ABSN) with an outstanding grade point average and the strongest faculty recommendations attesting to overall academic and clinical achievement.

### Miriam "Mim" J. Huggard, SON '31 Nursing Scholarship

Sponsored by the MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association (NAA) in memory and in honor of her work and dedication to both the MGH and the NAA, this scholarship award is given to a student in the Accelerated BSN Program at the start of their last semester. This student will have demonstrated exemplary clinical skills during the first three semesters of the program and will have worked at the MGH prior to enrollment in the Accelerated Baccalaureate Program. The recipient shall also embody the core values that made Mim an exceptional nurse, leader, and mentor.

#### The Loyd Nichols Staats Scholarship

Established under the aegis of the MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association (NAA) Endowed Fund at the MGH Institute of Health Professions School of Nursing, the funding for this scholarship was derived from the 1996 estate of Mary Hortense Staats, MGH School of Nursing Class of 1937. The scholarship is named to honor the memory of Loyd Nichols Staats, Mary's brother, who died at the young age of one year. It is awarded annually to an Accelerated BSN student in recognition of Excellence in the theory and practice of nursing.

#### Physical Therapy

#### Marjorie K. Ionta Awards for Clinical Excellence

This award is named in honor of Professor Emerita Marjorie K. Ionta, who was Chief Physical Therapist in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital from 1958 to 1981 and a founding member of the Institute faculty. The award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated growth and a consistent, excellent performance coupled with outstanding humanistic qualities.

#### Adams Fellow Awards

The Adams Fund, created by Barbara Adams in 1986, was established to offer financial support for graduate education for physical therapists at the Institute. This award is given to students who show evidence of leadership abilities, service to the profession, and the potential to make a significant contribution as a clinical scholar.

#### Mary Mankin Prize

This prize is awarded to the student in the post-professional program who is judged by the faculty to have the most outstanding master's thesis for the year. The prize was established in 1992 by Honorary Trustee

and Professor Henry J. Mankin and his wife Carole in memory of Dr. Mankin's mother.

#### Outstanding Clinical Educator Award

This award honors a physical therapy clinical educator who serves as an exceptional role model of professionalism and clinical excellence, and who has made significant contributions to clinical education. The award recognizes outstanding communication and teaching skills that foster clinical learning and evidence-based decision making in physical therapy students.

#### Medical Imaging

The following awards were presented in February, 2012

#### Clinical Excellence Award - Elaina L. Ortelt

This award is given to a student who has been selected by the program's clinical preceptors on the basis of several criteria, including clinical competence, judgment, teamwork, caring, initiative and leadership. The recipient has demonstrated excellence in patient care, technical skills and empathy. He or she has shown enthusiasm and professionalism in all interactions within the Radiology Department as well as with referring physicians.

#### Academic Excellence Award - Maura E. Ivens

This award is given annually to a student who is distinguished in both academic and clinical coursework as demonstrated by the GPA. The recipient of this award has a strong base of academic knowledge, has the highest grade point average and is able to apply this knowledge to clinical practice.

#### Excellence in Clinical Instruction Award - Barry Hall, Brigham and Women's Hospital

This award is given annually to a clinical preceptor selected by the graduating students on the basis of several criteria, including a commitment to teaching, respect and empathy for students as well as for patients, enthusiasm, intellectual curiosity, and a commitment to helping students develop the skills to excel in the profession. The recipient exemplifies the skills that the program seeks to instill in students, including clinical competence, judgment, teamwork, caring, initiative and leadership.

# 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
Nursing
Philosophy (PhD) Dark Blue
Physical Therapy (post-professional) Yellow
Physical Therapy
Public Health Salmon Pink
Science Golden Yellow
Social WorkCitron

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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