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Special thanks to CVS MinuteClinic for their generous underwriting of today's lunch for our graduates, faculty and guests.

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
30th Commencement Ceremony

SATURDAY, THE EIGHTH OF MAY
IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TEN

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, 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. 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. 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 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 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.

In 1975, a petition to grant degrees was submitted to the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education. 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 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 Dietetics 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, 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 change and grow. A faculty award for excellence in teaching 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, 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 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 CSD 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 CSD program and the Professional Program in Physical Therapy were accredited. In 1998, the Institute graduated its 1,000th alumnus. In 1999 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 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. 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 into 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. 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—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.

A 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 2007, the Distinguished Alumni Award was named in honor of Bette Ann Harris ’83, the Institute’s first graduate.

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

In 2008, Janis P. Bellack, PhD, RN, FAAN, was officially installed as the Institute’s fifth president. Soon afterwards, Alex F. Johnson, PhD, CCC-SLP, arrived as the first Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Institute expanded its facilities in the Navy Yard to accommodate the school’s growing student population.

In 2009 the Graduate Programs in Nursing were designated a School of Nursing, to better reflect the size and breadth of the academic offerings. The communication sciences and disorders, medical imaging, and physical therapy programs were reorganized under the umbrella of a new School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. Today, enrollment at the MGH Institute exceeds 900 full- and part-time students.

Starting in 2010, the Institute has consolidated its Commencement activities into one day, and the event has moved to a larger facility, the Hynes Convention Center. In addition, the Emerging Leader Alumni Award for individuals who graduated less than 10 years ago, and the Alumni Service Award for individuals who have maintained a high level of service with the Institute since graduating, will be presented for the first time at this year’s Commencement.
Hooding, Pinning and Awards Ceremony
School of Nursing

Ballroom B

OPENING REMARKS
Margery Chisholm, Dean  
School of Nursing

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Margery Chisholm, Dean  
School of Nursing

COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

Direct-Entry Nursing Program
Harriet Towle Excellence in Clinical Nursing Practice Award
Katherine Ann Kates

Rebecca Colvin Prize
Katherine Ann Kates, Christina Yae-Jin Kim, Amanda D. Norton

Josephine Mangio Keaveney Memorial Nursing Prize
Kathryn Kimble Arner

Exceptional Advanced Practice Clinician and Mentor Award
Patricia A. Reidy

Judith A. Fong Nursing Faculty Prize
Trisha Armen Zeytoonjian ’07

Accelerated Baccalaureate Nursing Program
Faculty and Student Recognition for Outstanding Leadership
Maryellen Graham

Faculty Recognition for Academic/Clinical Excellence
Gretchen Anderson Kilbourne, Ian R. Penn

Miriam “Mimi” J. Huggard, SON ’31 Nursing Scholarship
Meredith K. Malvey

Doctor of Nursing Practice Program
The Lavinia Lloyd Dock Award for Scholarly Writing
Daisy J. Goodman

HOODING AND PINNING CEREMONIES

CLOSING REMARKS
Margery Chisholm, Dean, 
School of Nursing

Class Photos will be taken immediately following this ceremony.
Graduates and their guests will be served a light lunch in Hall D immediately following this ceremony.
Hooding and Awards Ceremony
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Ballroom A

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

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Danuza Nunn, MS-CCC-SLP
Speech-Language Pathologist
MGH Speech, Language, Swallowing and Reading Disabilities Department

COMMENCEMENT AWARDS
Julie Atwood Award for Excellence
Anna Hutt Fredman

Award for Excellence in Clinical Supervision
Melissa Ghiringhelli, MS '03

Faculty Award for Excellence
Marjorie L. Nicholas

Kenneth N. Stevens Student Research Award
Carla M. Tierney

Student Award for Innovation
Thomas Frazier Shull

HOODING CEREMONY

CLOSING REMARKS
Gregory L. Lof, Chair

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HOODING and Awards Ceremony
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
Department of Physical Therapy

Ballroom C

OPENING REMARKS
Leslie G. Portney, Professor and Chair
Department of Physical Therapy
and Interim Dean
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

STUDENT ADDRESS
Samantha M. Laskey, DPT, ’10

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Kristin Parlin, PT, DPT, NCS
Clinical Specialist, Massachusetts General Hospital
Department of Physical and Occupational Therapy

COMMENCEMENT AWARDS
Marjorie K. Ionta Awards for Clinical Excellence
Tara McCrystal, Professional Program
Dilshad Farheen Sulaiman, Post-Professional Program

Adams Fellow Awards
Eric Richard Smith, Professional Program
Hetal S. Kulkarni, Post-Professional Program

Mary Mankin Prize
Ankita Choksi

Outstanding Clinical Educator Award
Joel Fallano

HOODING CEREMONY

CLOSING REMARKS
Leslie G. Portney, Professor and Chair
and Interim Dean

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Commencement Ceremony

PROCESSIONAL
Cynthia Coffin Zadai, Faculty Marshal

WELCOME
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
Edward H. O’Neil
Director, Center for the Health Professions, University of California, San Francisco

ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD
Patrick Alexis, ‘03

EMERGING LEADER ALUMNI AWARD
Susan Lax, ‘04

BETTE ANN HARRIS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD
Constance M. Dahlin, ‘89

NANCY T. WATTS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
George E. Thibault, Chair
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and John Hilton Knowles Professor
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and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Gregory L. Lof, Chair
Department of Communication Sciences
and Disorders

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Department of Physical Therapy and Interim Dean
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
Margery Chisholm, Dean
School of Nursing
Richard Terrass, Director
Graduate Program in Medical Imaging
Carolyn F. Locke, Dean
Student Affairs

RECESSIONAL

The audience is requested to remain in place until the academic procession has withdrawn.
Edward H. O’Neil, PhD, MPA, FAAN

Edward H. O’Neil is Director of the Center for the Health Professions at the University of California, San Francisco, where he is also Professor of Dentistry, Family and Community Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy.

The Center is a research, advocacy, and training institute created to assist health care professionals, health professions schools, health care delivery organizations, and public policy makers to respond to the challenges of educating and managing a health care workforce capable of improving the health and well being of people and their communities.

Dr. O’Neil is principal investigator of the Pew Scholars and Pew Latin American Fellows programs in the biomedical sciences, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellows Program, the California Workforce Initiative, and the California HealthCare Foundation Health Care Leadership Program.

Dr. O’Neil served as Executive Director of the Pew Health Professions Commission from 1989 through 1999. The Commission was a nationally recognized advocacy group focused on reform in health workforce issues and preparing health professionals for the 21st century. He has published numerous articles, chapters, and books on this and other work. He has served as consultant to the World Health Organization, Government of New Zealand, Rockefeller Foundation, Pew Charitable Trusts, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Fetzer Institute, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and California HealthCare Foundation as well as a number of federal, state, and non-governmental agencies.

He holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Alabama, and a master of Public Administration and doctorate in History from Syracuse University, and an honorary degree from New York Medical College. He was inducted as an honorary, non-nurse member of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN) for his leadership and advocacy on behalf of the profession and health care.

Previously well known to the MGH Institute of Health Professions, Dr. O’Neil spoke on “Growth and Innovation” at the Inauguration Colloquium held in conjunction with the inauguration of Dr. Janis Bellack as fifth President of the MGH Institute of Health Professions in May 2008.
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2010 Commencement Ceremony
Degree and Certificate Candidates

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN CLINICAL INVESTIGATION
Certificate of Advanced Study in Clinical Investigation
Marion L. Rideout *

Master of Science in Clinical Investigation †
Stephanie L. Brillhart
   Taylor L. Buckley
   Feng Chai

Muhammad Latif Choudhry
   Govardhanan Nagaiah
   Gay E. Torresyap

SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATION SCIENCES
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders
Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology *

Bonnie E. Abbey-Warn
   Rachel S. Barrocas
   Jennifer S. Bartecchi
   Carolyn M. Bean
   Victoria Elizabeth Begley
   Jaclyn L. Berkowitz
   Carolyn M. Bradley
   Sarah Christine Brittain
   Heather Marie Brooks
   Rebecca Reilly Campion
   Kristen Joy Zoller
   Allison Christina Clinch
   Catherine M. Crawford
   Amy Marie Crespi
   Mary E. Falkenstern
   Anna Hutt Fredman
   Sheila Hale Giser
   Stephanie Erin Halpert
   Michele L. Jensen
   Ashley E. Kissam
   Emilie Caitlin Larrivee
   Brooke E. Lenahan

Amanda K. Libenson
   Sherry M. Ly
   Brigid Sheehan Maher
   Alexandra H. Marcus
   Fatima M. Matal Sol
   Christine Elizabeth McCarthy
   Morgan Keeley McCarthy
   Christine B. Noyer
   Janine A. Pedro
   Caitlin Carli Schlauch
   Ashley Eden Schuler
   Caroline A. Shannon
   Thomas Frazier Shull
   Ramya Shyam
   Michelle A. Sinnott
   Carla M. Tierney
   Grisel Vasquez
   Erin Marie Walsh
   Christine A. Ward
   Amanda T. Whalen
   Johanna Lynn Zipse

Certificate of Advanced Study in Reading
Shannan Barry †
   Robert A. Beaudet *
   Elizabeth P Berges
   Katherine A. Fleming
   Elizabeth Eileen Huston †

Gabrielle J. Miller *
   Kelly O'Toole †
   Emily Stein *
   Jennifer Troland Mogensen †

*Degree in progress. † Degree or certificate awarded in January 2010
Department of Physical Therapy
Master of Science in Physical Therapy

Shakirat B. Adigun
Abha Bansal
Beatrice Giurlani
Hetal S. Kulkarni

Shalvi S. Sheth
Dilshad Farheen Sulaiman
Ya-Lin Wang

Doctor of Physical Therapy
Professional Program in Physical Therapy

Jason John Adour
Melissa Harriette Tushman Agrimanakis
Elizabeth-Anne Kilgore Castillo
Nicholas G. Caylor
Jessica W. Cheung
Casey A. Finnegan
Erin M. Hallett
Natallia Hutman
Yuliya Jackson
Eric C. Knopp
Darcie Lea Lambert
Samantha M. Laskey
Erin Marie Leidl
Daniela Martinez Pacull
Elizabeth Blake Maynard
Lauren Anne McCourt
Tara McCrystal
Melissa April McKeon
Lindsey A. McLeod
Steven Daniel Miller
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Maria Pogrebinsky
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Elizabeth M. Sims
Nicole M. Skrzyniarz
Eric Richard Smith
Andy P. Sobuta
Amy Marie Sulser
Teresa Jean Townsend
Andrea Beth Wamsley
Loren Lee Ward
Yui Y. Wong
Jessica Michelle Wreski

Doctor of Physical Therapy
Post-Professional Program in Physical Therapy

Katharine E. Ames
Kristin Marie Anderson Vorpahl
Debra J. Bangs
Julie Elizabeth Carlisle Bosworth
Jennifer L. Breshears Markley
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Jennifer L. Connors
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Ayddin Reis
Derek S. Saltzman
Gary Dean Schindler

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Certificate of Advanced Study in Physical Therapy

Janine M. Iannillo †
Benjamin R. Maschke

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN MEDICAL IMAGING

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Medical Imaging

Danielle Claus
Signe G. Dahlquist
Benjamin J. Delahantry
Brian C. Enright
Helena Mary Giordano
Lillian V. Haskell

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN MEDICAL IMAGING

Michael J. Kelly
Donna L. Lopes
Cletus Kumcho Nde
Robert J. O’Brien
Emily Elizabeth Reising
Maria Cristina Sanchez

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Richard Leo Ahern
Wendye M. Disalvo †
Daisy J. Goodman †
Deborah A. Hoch
Susan D. Jacoby †
Nancy A. Kelly *
Michelle J. Lespasio

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Patricia A. Lewis *
Janet E. Mayne †
Thomas Jude McQuaid *
Susan Stevens
Carol A. Tyksinski †
Judith L. Webb *

Master of Science in Nursing

Direct Entry Nursing Master’s Candidates will also receive the Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Marita Agnes
Rebecca Elizabeth Andersen
Samuel Antwi
Kathryn Kimble Arner
Tracy West Behymer
Jason P. Benton
Sigrid Katherine Bergenstein
Stavroura G. Birmbas
Kara Drew Bloomingdale
Justine A. Bode
Jessica Lauren Bryan
Katherine L. Burchell
Char Lynn Bush
Courtney Elizabeth Catalano
Julie M. Chan
Roger David Chin

Zoe Hong Chin
Rachel Clerge
Sarah Kelly Conneary
Sarah Catherine D’Ambrosio
Katherine Marie Davis
Cassandra R. Desmond
Laura Elizabeth Dill
Anstrice Mary Dindy
Deborah S. Hoffman
Anna Tybel Dooley
Laura Grace Freedman
Matthew C. Geden
Abigail M. Gilbert-Savi
Andrea Rose Hafner
Lindsay Anne Halverson
Johann Ross Hepner

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Certificate of Advanced Study in Nursing

Valerie J. Fuller

JoElla McCarragher

Bachelor of Science in Nursing *

Jorge Alejandro Alzate
Jillian R. Baker
Kolu S. Baysah
Meghan M. Bednarek
Caitlin M. Bonadies
Kathleen M. Breda
Christopher M. Buchanan
Lindsey L. Butterfield
Lorraine A. Calzone
Christina Alexis Campasano
Cintia M. Fornasaro Casillo
Christine A. Clarke
Lena Catherine Compton
Caitlin Elizabeth Coraine
Anna Maria J. Cortner
Regina B. Cunningham
Allison C. Curtis
Amanda L. Darling
Jacqueline C. Dasilva
Danielle Daunais
Morgan L. Davis
Melissa D'Ippolito
Camellia E. Dominique
Sharon Ariella Donat
Ashley E. Fallon
Evelyn Y. Fan

Sandra C. Reilly
Meghan C. Reusser
Marion L. Rideout
Kimberly Roberts
Tara Marie Rukstalis
Jowell S. Sabino
Sibyl L. Salisbury
Miranda Ann Shea
Sarah K. Sjostrom
Daniel D. Sorenson
Anna Marie Steinkrauss
Molly Elizabeth Sweezy
Nina Marie Szulewski
Jillian K. Tarani
Grace Claire Thorne
Colleen P. Tobin
Mildrude Tulyse
Alison Leigh Turner
Caitlin R. White
Stefanie M. Winter
Lindsey JoAnn Wismer
Sallie Zanoni

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Dana R. Maxwell
William R. May III
Paul V. McEvoy
Carolyn Miles McNamara
Sara E. Molina
Dan J. Morgan
Bing Y. Nguy
Cesylee Q. Nguyen
Michael James Nikolayew
Kerry A. Normandin
Meghan P. O’Neill
Ian R. Penn
Lindsay E. Prescott
Julia R. Ramus
Katharine Kennesaw Richards
Tracy L. Rittenour
Candice M. Rizzotti

Erica Rosenblum
Renee A. Roy
Kendra Morgado Ryan
Elizabeth Rinaldi Schinkel
Arrienne S. Shafner
Shavanese N. Sommerville
Michele B. Szymanczyk
Scott J. Teti
Karen A. Thomas
Abby M. Torgerson
Vivens Ulysse
Mary Ann T. Weitz
Gail S. Winning
Jennifer Brooke Woodley
Kristen Michelle Wysocki
Walid Zairi

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 or certificate.

*Degree in progress. † Degree or certificate awarded in January 2010
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.

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

THE EMERGING LEADER ALUMNI AWARD

The Emerging Leader Alumni Award was established this year by the MGH Institute Board of Trustees, and recognizes the accomplishments of an individual who demonstrates outstanding leadership in the 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; or
- Using their leadership role and skills to advocate for change and advancement while continuing to provide the highest quality of health care.
THE ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

The Alumni Service Award was established this year by the MGH Institute Board of Trustees to recognize an individual who has demonstrated ongoing dedication to the MGH Institute and honors that dedication by selflessly serving the Institute in an extraordinary manner.

The award, open to all alumni from all academic programs, is given to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding service to the Institute community and support of its mission in the following ways:

- Contributing to advancing the mission, reputation, and standards of the Institute by direct service as a volunteer committee member, instructor, clinical preceptor, or philanthropic supporter;
- Serving as an ambassador of the Institute by promoting the programs and services to the local and/or global community; or
- Participating in professional associations and promoting the stature, reputation, and strength of the MGH Institute within those arenas.

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
1990 Sylvia D. Paige
1991 Barbara F. Willson
1992 Daniel A. Dyrek
1993 Michael D. Smith
1994 James M. Hodgson
1995 Patrice K. Nicholas
1997 Carol H. Kammer
1998 Janice Bell Meisenhelder
1999 Inge B. Corless
2000 Mary P. Watkins
2001 Lesley A. Maxwell
2002 Bette Ann Harris
2003 Kathleen Gill-Body
2004 Pamela E. Hook
2005 Marjorie L. Nicholas
2006 Ann McCarthy-Jacobson
2007 Linda C. Andrist
2008 Sharon P. Sullivan
2009 Charles Jeans
The following awards will be presented at the morning Hooding and Awards Ceremonies

Communication Sciences and Disorders

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Direct-Entry 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 Baccalaureate 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 (ABSNN) 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.

Doctor of Nursing Practice Program

The Lavinia Lloyd Dock Award for Scholarly Writing
Lavinia Lloyd Dock was one of the earliest nurse leaders to contribute substantially to nursing literature. She served as the first foreign editor of The American Journal of Nursing and authored one of the seminal nursing textbooks of the late 19th century: Materia Medica for Nurses (1890). Among her other contributions were Hygiene and Morality (1907), and A History of Nursing (4 Volumes, 2 with Adelaide Nutting). This award honors Ms. Dock’s commitment to advancing nursing knowledge through scholarly writing and is awarded to the DNP student who has best evidenced this ability throughout the DNP program.

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, 2010

Clinical Excellence Award
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
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
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 .................................................... 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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