President's Perspective

With news that a vaccine is on the near horizon, President Milone-Nuzzo writes about the importance of following – and believing in – science to defeat the pandemic.

Office of Continuing and Professional Development Awarded Joint Accreditation Provider Status

The MGH Institute is now the only academic degree-granting organization in Massachusetts to be awarded joint accreditation status by the Joint Accreditation Interprofessional Continuing Education organization, a reflection of the values of interprofessional learning that infuses the school.

Support the IHP on Giving Tuesday, December 1

December 1 is #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving where people around the world are encouraged to support nonprofits. Please help the IHP continue to provide opportunities and support for our students by making a gift to the IHP Student COVID-19 Emergency Fund, scholarships, or program funds.

Pandemic Doesn’t Deter IHP’s Commitment to Community

Students, faculty, and staff have created myriad ways to stay connected and retain the school’s unique culture in response to social distancing caused by the coronavirus.

In photo: Swarna S. Gummadi, MSN ’22

Faculty Discussed the Trials and Triumphs of Students Returning to Campus

Students have adapted to learning in smaller groups, working more efficiently, and wearing PPE as the IHP has continued to provide hands-on education during the coronavirus pandemic.

Compassionate Caregiving Through the Screen

A panel of IHP faculty and other health care professionals discussed the impact of telepractice on the client relationship and the ability to build empathic and compassionate connections with patients and families at the second Schwartz Rounds of the semester held on November 16.
Celebrating International Students and Alumni

The Office of Student and Alumni Services celebrated International Education Month in November by highlighting five students and one alum on the IHP Student Life Instagram account. International Education Month celebrates the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide.

In photo: Rahma Alhafeez, MS-SLP ’20

Recognizing First-Gens

The IHP has had hundreds of students, faculty, and staff who were the first ones in their family to attend college. To celebrate the 55th anniversary of the National Higher Education Act that expanded access to higher education for low-income and first-generation students, the IHP in November recognized just a small sampling of these pioneers on Instagram.

In photo: Dana Koehn, MPAS ’21

Helping Veterans a Noble Calling for IHP Graduate

Dr. David Topor, HPEd ’13, has received the 2020 David M. Worthen Innovator Award from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for creating and hosting a webinar series that provides effective ways for health professions faculty to teach, supervise, and mentor health professional trainees at more than 150 VA medical centers across the country.

CSD Reception Held Despite Lack of Conference

The cancellation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association’s annual conference didn’t deter faculty, students, and alumni from having their traditional reception. “A Slice of Convention: IHP Style,” held November 19, drew 75 people to the virtual event. Lesley Maxwell, CSD associate chair, offered attendees a 0.1-credit lecture “Cultivating Growth Mindset: Practical Strategies.” Chair Marjorie Nicholas, President Paula Milone-Nuzzo, and Provost Alex Johnson also spoke, while attendees participated in IHP CSD trivia and held discussions in breakout rooms.

Student Life News

The Office of Student and Alumni Services and the SGA held a virtual Student Leadership and Involvement Fair during Career Week, November 16-20. Students were invited to learn more about 15 different student organizations via Flipgrid throughout the week. They also had the opportunity to interact with the leadership of the organizations face-to-face in a synchronous virtual involvement fair event via Zoom. The Flipgrid will remain active through the end of the semester for those who are interested in learning more about the organizations. For questions or to contact the organization, reach out to Student Life.
Virtual Study Breaks are returning better than ever with a variety of activities and live events that will run through December 15. Find a new mantra, be a Secret Study Buddy, play Virtual Team Trivia, practice mindfulness, and get tips for managing the last few weeks of the semester. Visit the Study Breaks website, and follow the Bellack Library and OSAS on Instagram to find out about new events when added.

The honors student organization of the occupational therapy program, Pi Theta Epsilon, hosted a virtual speaking engagement on oncology November 10. Instructor Dr. Mandy Mack presented about her experience working in oncology as an OT and included a discussion of compassion fatigue felt by providers.

The IHP Acts of Service club held “Mindfulness, Mental Health, Masks, and More” on November 19. The event included a mental health workshop and a tutorial on mask making.

The Student Occupational Therapy Association hosted an online auction for the American Occupational Therapy Foundation’s (AOTF) St. Catherine’s Challenge in November. Approximately $700 was raised to support occupational therapy research grants awarded by the AOTF.

Alumni Panel Discusses Ways to Convert Clinicals into a Job

A panel of recent alumni discussed “Turning Your Clinical Placements into Professional Opportunities” on November 18 to highlight National Career Development Day. Sponsored by the Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) Student Government Association Committee and the Offices of Career Development and Alumni Relations, the event drew about 40 students, who asked questions on topics including best practices in networking, using lessons learned to further one’s clinical skills, the need for flexibility under normal and pandemic conditions, and salary negotiations. Alumni Caitlin O’Connor, PAS ‘20, Anthony Paredes, MSN ‘20, Dominic Lloyd-Ranolfi, OTD ‘17, Joseph Valle, DPT ‘16, and Christina Yu, MS-SLP ‘16 were joined by genetic counselor Kiley Delgado from Massachusetts General Hospital on the panel. Students and alums interested in joining the STAT committee can email the Alumni Office and also are encouraged to join the Student & Alumni Network on LinkedIn.

Pies for a Good Cause

The IHP community bought the equivalent of 50 pies and raised $1,520 for the Pie in the Sky fundraiser, of which 93 cents of every dollar goes to help feed critically ill and homebound residents in Eastern Massachusetts. The annual initiative to support the Boston nonprofit Community Servings was sponsored by the IHP Staff Council Community Service Committee.

IHP Scholarship, Research & News

A Joint Authorship

Kristine and Mike Ruggiero had always talked about working together, but it wasn’t until an off-hand suggestion from a student that they found a way to do it: co-authoring “Fast Facts Handbook for Pediatric Primary Care: A Guide for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants.”

Communication Sciences & Disorders


Nursing


in a daily phonotrauma index after laryngeal


**Occupational Therapy**


**Physical Therapy**


**Health Professions Education**


**Looking for Stories from the Field**

The Student Government Association’s Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow Committee, in collaboration with the Alumni Relations Department, would like to hear from you for inclusion in Stories From the Field. This initiative seeks to connect students, alumni, faculty, and clinical supervisors to each other through the sharing of paths taken or not, opportunities realized, and experiences that will be remembered for a lifetime. The stories will then be included in a standalone e-publication that will be sent out in spring 2021. Please submit your story by December 31.

**Virtual Library Support**

The Janis P. Bellack Library and Study Commons may be closed, but librarians are still available to provide you with research and assignment support. Send us your questions or book an online research consultation. We are also offering no-contact pickup for physical library materials. Visit our website for all of the details and to request materials. Additionally, more e-textbooks have recently been added to the e-course reserves.

**Shop and Support the IHP**

**Harvard-Kent Holiday Donations**

The Upsilon Lambda Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, the School of Nursing’s Honor Society, is sponsoring a holiday drive for students at Harvard-Kent Elementary School through December 11. The COVID-19 pandemic has created difficulties for many local families, so please help make the holidays more joyful for these children by donating money that will be used to purchase holiday gifts. Donations can be given electronically via Venmo at @debra-kelly-32 or checks can be sent to Deb Kelly at the SON. Please contact Kathy Sabo with any questions.

**Enhanced Communications Ticket System and Events Calendar**

The Office of Strategic Communications recently enhanced its ticket system and events calendar to help the Institute community better share its news and events. To share story ideas like awards won, community activities, presentations, or publications, fill out a News Tip Ticket. To submit a news item or event for the IHP Daily News, fill out an IHP Daily News Submission Ticket. A listing of the Strategic Communications Tickets and a link to the Events Calendar can both be found in the top right utility menu on the website.

**Emergency Notification System**
Support the IHP all year long by shopping with AmazonSmile. Just sign in to your Amazon or Amazon Prime account and the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.05% of the proceeds from your qualifying purchases to the IHP. Contact Christopher Bjork in the Office of Development for more information.

Submissions, Feedback, Etc.

The Yardarm is published monthly by the Office of Strategic Communications, edited by John Shaw and designed by Lindsey Lo. Please fill out a Communications ticket to submit items for the Yardarm or IHP Daily News. View past editions.

Please submit suggestions or comments about any issue at the IHP to President Milone-Nuzzo’s online suggestion box, Institute Input.

With winter approaching, students, faculty, and staff should register to be included in the Emergency Notification System used to communicate information during emergency situations, including weather closings. In addition to the email notifications, you can also receive messages via a landline, cell phone, texts, and/or an alternative email address. To add or update your preferences, logon to iOnline (password required) and select the “Address Change” option. Contact the IHP Help Desk with any questions.

Calendar

12/1: Self-Care and Mental Health Resources at the IHP and Beyond, 7:00 p.m.
12/2: Getting Ready for Online Teaching and Learning: Faculty Panel, 3:00 p.m.
12/3: Alexander Technique Workshop, 6:00 p.m.
12/4: Virtual Study Breaks Virtual Trivia Night, 8:00 p.m.
12/7: Last day of classes
12/8-12/9: Reading days
12/10-12/15: Final exams
12/28: First day of Winter Term
12/23-1/3: Winter Break – Institute Closed

View more events on the Institute’s Calendar.