President's Perspective

President Milone-Nuzzo looks at Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker’s health care bill in this month’s column.

SAiL Lab Receives Grant from RSM to Help Children in Charlestown

The Institute received a grant from the Charlestown office of accounting firm RSM that will leverage literacy expertise and research to help provide children at Harvard-Kent with the support and resources to succeed. Dr. Tiffany Hogan, director of the SAiL Lab, and post-doctoral research fellow Dr. Rouzana Komesidou will lead a three-year grant to implement a long-term initiative at the Charlestown public school which has one of the highest rates of economically disadvantaged students and one of the highest rates of English learners in Boston.

Photo: L-R: Patrick O’Neill of RSM, IHP President Paula Milone-Nuzzo, SLP students Elise Hopkins Gallegos & Alexandra Hanson, IHP Chief Development Officer Clare McCully, and Erinn Johnson of RSM.

Students and Faculty Go Global During the Holiday Break

Four groups of students, accompanied by faculty members, traveled across the globe during the holiday break.

Guatemala

Eight students from the DPT program’s class of 2021 visited Guatemala with Dr. Jane Baldwin, the fourth year she has taken students to the Central American country. The group once again went to the PT clinic in Villa Nueva, where they worked to optimize treatment plans and overall patient approaches with its staff and other students. Each IHP student spent two mornings presenting in-services to the Guatemalan students, including ones on stroke and cerebral palsy, as well as participating in patient care.


Dominican Republic

Seven students from the School of Nursing went with faculty members Dr. Kathy Simmonds and Dr. Jean Bernhardt to the La Romana area of the Dominican Republic to provide health care and health education to people living in the sugar bateyes, the residential areas surrounding the sugar cane fields. The students joined a team of providers, including several Dominican physicians, a dentist, a family planning worker, and community health workers as part of a rotating mobile clinic for these remote communities, many of which lack basic services. Students raised over $2,000 to purchase medications and supplies which were distributed to the residents during the
China

Three OTD and two BSN students went with Dr. John Wong to Shenzhen, China for a two-week independent study project. They visited three local hospitals, a university, an adult day care center, a service center for people with disabilities, and a community health center. In addition to learning about nursing and rehabilitation care in China, the students experienced firsthand how traditional Chinese medicine is used in medical treatment and health maintenance.

Photo: Front row (L-R, starting second person from left): Dr. John Wong, Vivian Phan (OTD), Corinne Ianni (OTD), Katherine Connelly (BSN), and Anna Do (OTD). Conor Ward (BSN) is second from right in the middle row. Others in the photo include Shenzhen Baoxing Hospital President Xiaofeng Chen, and Qipeng Weng and Haili Tang, both of whom spent three months in 2019 as visiting scholars at the IHP.

India

Ten students from nursing, physical therapy, and speech-language pathology, accompanied by School of Nursing faculty members Dr. Elissa Ladd, Kaveri Roy, and Shweta Gore, went to Manipal, India. The students participated in an IP Education Simulation workshop, worked with staff at Kasturba Hospital, and along with their Indian student counterparts assisted patients in hospitals, village clinics, local schools, and community organizations.

Photo: Vivian Leung (DPT), Barbara Stathis (MSN), Kelsey Dimond (MSN), Julia Khar (MSN), Holly Irvin (MSN), Mark Hughes (MSN), Jocelyn Chokkattu (SLP), Steve Le (DPT), Kamaria Washington (DPT), and Jennifer Quiros (SLP) with department heads in the Department of Yoga at Kasturba Hospital.

Five Women from IHP Discuss Leadership Course

Five women from the Institute who have graduated from the Leadership Women America program shared their experiences, offered advice to aspiring leaders, and answered questions about their experiences in the program during a panel discussion on January 21. The panelists shared how this experience impacted their leadership in both their personal and professional lives.

Photo: (L-R) OT Interim Chair Regina Doherty, Director of Library and Instructional Design Jessica Bell, Associate Provost for Interprofessional Education and Practice Mary Knab, Family NP Specialty Track Co-Coordinator Clara Gona, and Assistant Director, Digital Branding Selena Craig.

Post-Professional OTD Program Launched

The IHP launched its newest program, the Post-Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy (PP-OTD), in January. The first students in the online degree program will begin in September 2020. Dr. Sarah McKinnon, the program director, will host an informational webinar on February 12 starting at noon, when she will outline the program’s interprofessional curriculum, explain the online format, and take questions.
Students Hear About Homeless Care at Caldwell Interprofessional Rounds

Second-year students learned firsthand about providing care to the homeless population at the annual Caldwell Rounds. This year's panel featured alumna Jennifer King, MSN ’19, Homeless Care Los Angeles; Lisa, a participant in the Hospital to Housing program; Kara Bray, senior community health worker for the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership/Beacon Health Option’s Hospital to Housing (H2H) program; and Kevin Sullivan, MD, Boston Health Care for the Homeless.

Photo: (L-R): Jennifer King, Lisa, Kara Bray, and Kevin Sullivan.

The Vocabulary of Inclusion for New BSN Students

BSN students in the Class of 2021 heard how power, privilege, and positionality can affect patient care. On January 8, the panelists were (L-R) Deborah Washington, director of diversity for Nursing and Patient Care Services at MGH; Julia Wagner, BSN ’17, who works at Mount Auburn Hospital; Ndidiamaka Amutah-Onukagha, an associate professor in the Department of Public Heath and Community Medicine at Tufts School of Medicine; and Mali Cantor, BSN ’15, the charge RN/nurse manager at Planned Parenthood in Boston.

IHP Donates Holiday Party Proceeds to Harvard-Kent School

At the annual holiday party, the MGH Institute raised $2,806 to benefit the Harvard-Kent Elementary School. The funds will go to support Harvard-Kent’s Center for Youth Wellness, which offers indoor fun and interactive activities. It is the third consecutive year proceeds from the party were donated to the school.

Photo: President Paula Milone-Nuzzo, 2nd from right, presents Harvard-Kent Principal Jason Gallagher with the check. The fundraising initiative was led by Institute employees Valerie Grande (far left) and Elizabeth Pipes (far right).

Performance Advice for Profs

Nancy Houfek, a stage director, award-winning actor, and nationally recognized theatre educator, was the keynote at the January 9 Research & Scholarship Day. Her talk, “The Performing Art of Science

Team IHP Sports Two Runners at 2020 Boston Marathon
Presentation,” offered specific skills from the theater to become a more engaging and memorable speaker by activating connection to the audience, clarifying purpose, moving from concept to structure, enhancing physical and vocal presence, managing stage fright, best uses of PowerPoint, and how to use stories and metaphors.

Dr. Kim Erler (right), an assistant professor of occupational therapy and a 2017 PhD in Rehabilitation Sciences graduate, and Jordan Griffiths, SLP ’19, comprise Team IHP in the 2020 Boston Marathon. Erler is running to support student scholarships, while Griffiths is supporting the Dr. Charles A. and Ann Sanders IMPACT Practice Center. (Check out the recent story on her in the Winthrop Transcript.) Currently, each is working to reach their respective $5,000 goal.

First Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Social Event of 2020

The first social event of 2020 sponsored by the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion was a screening of the movie Just Mercy. More than a dozen students attended the January 19 event.

IHP Scholarship, Research, & News

Dr. Joanna Christodoulou, director of the BEAM Team and an associate professor of speech-language pathology, was among a panel of interdisciplinary educational scholars chosen by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) who traveled in January to Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development to India. The group conducted an international science- and evidence-based education assessment to re-envision the future of education world-wide.

Dr. Jordan Green, director of the Speech and Feeding Disorders Lab, received two grants: “Predicting and Optimizing Language Outcomes in Minimally Verbal Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder,” from the NIH; and “Maximizing Social Connection in Persons with Speech Impairment Due to ALS,” from the ALS Association.

Dr. Janice Palaganas, an associate professor of interprofessional studies, has been elected as a Distinguished Fellow of the National Academies of Practice in Nursing. She will be inducted at the group’s annual meeting and forum in San Diego in March.

Communication Sciences and Disorders


Health Professions Education


Interprofessional Education


Nursing


**Occupational Therapy**


**Physical Therapy**


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**Invitation for Public Comments**

MGH Institute of Health Professions will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit March 22-25, 2020, by a team representing the New England Commission of Higher Education (formerly the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, NEASC).

The New England Commission of Higher Education is one of seven accrediting commissions in the United States that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis. Accreditation is voluntary and applies to the institution as a whole. The Commission, which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, accredits approximately 220 institutions in the six-state New England region as well as several American-style institutions overseas.

MGH Institute of Health Professions has been accredited by the Commission since 1985 and was last reviewed in 2010. Its accreditation by the Commission encompasses the entire institution.

For the past year and a half, the Institute has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the Commission’s *Standards for Accreditation*. An evaluation team will visit the institution to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Commission a continuing status for the institution. Following a review process, the Commission itself will take the final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the MGH Institute to:

Public Comment on MGH Institute of Health Professions
New England Commission of Higher Education
3 Burlington Woods Drive, Suite 100
Burlington, MA 01803-4514
E-mail: info@neche.org

Public Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution. The Commission cannot settle disputes between individuals and institutions, whether those involve faculty, students, administrators, or members of other groups. Comments will not be treated as confidential and must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the comments.
Public Comments must be received by March 25, 2020. The Commission cannot guarantee that comments received after that date will be considered.

Promotions

Rebecca Hill  
Director of the SON Prelicensure programs  
School of Nursing

Patricia Reidy  
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Innovation  
School of Nursing

New Job Posting

FNP Instructor/Assistant/Associate Professor, School of Nursing

A complete list of Institute faculty and staff job postings can be found online, and a list of Graduate Assistantship opportunities can be found on our website.

Shop and Support the IHP

The holidays may be over, but you can still support the IHP all year long by shopping with AmazonSmile. Just sign into 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.

Emergency Notification System

With winter here, 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.

Alumni Award Nominations Accepted Through March 20

Know an alumnus who’s doing extraordinary things? If so, please nominate him/her for either the Bette Ann Harris ’83 Distinguished Alumni Award or the Emerging Leader Alumni Award, both of which will be presented during 2020 Commencement ceremonies on May 11.
2/10: Evaluating Research Articles Workshop, Noon–1:00 p.m., Shouse 318

2/16: Last Day to Drop a Class Without a Withdrawal "W" Grade; Last Day to Elect Pass/Fail Option

2/17: Presidents Day – Offices Closed

View more events on the Institute's Master Calendar.

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

Feedback, Tips, Ideas, Etc.

If you have any news, tips, or ideas for the Yardarm, please fill out a Communications ticket, and email Yardarm editor John Shaw with any questions. View past editions.