President's Perspective

In a letter to the Class of 2020, President Milone-Nuzzo says the COVID-19 pandemic and the unrest following the death of George Floyd means the new graduates’ leadership in health care is more important than ever in these challenging times.

BSN Students at Boston Hope Profiled

Three of the more than 50 BSN students – the only nursing students at the Boston Hope field hospital set up to treat COVID-19 patients – along with nursing instructor Ruth Lackie, were interviewed May 10 on WCVB-TV NewsCenter 5.

Business As Unusual – The IHP During the Age of COVID-19

"Business As Unusual: The IHP in the Age of COVID-19" is a chronicling of stories and essays about how faculty, students, and alumni are handling things during the pandemic. Here are the stories published in May:

- DNP Alum Leads COVID-19 Preparations at Newton-Wellesley Hospital
- Coronavirus-Created Telehealth: IMPACT II Course
- Coronavirus-Caused Telepractice: Aphasia Center
- OTD Scholarship Day Zooms to Success
- OTD Student Drives Into the COVID-19 Pandemic
- IHP Nursing Students - the Only Ones at Boston Hope - Provide Direct Care for COVID-19 Patients
- Nursing Students Pivot to Telehealth

These showcase just a fraction of the exemplary work by and dedication of the IHP's faculty, students, staff, and alumni during the pandemic. Please contact John Shaw with how you or other IHPers are making a difference during this difficult time.

Coronavirus Updates

Please refer to the IHP's Coronavirus Updates page for the latest community-wide announcements about what is happening across the school.

CSD Commencement Video

Faculty and staff in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders recognized the Class of 2020 with a video.
Better Hearing & Speech Month

Video Recognizes Better Hearing and Speech Month

Several SLP students created the video Hearing Loss and How to Prevent It to recognize Better Hearing and Speech Month in May. The video discusses several causes and signs of hearing loss as well as some ways to prevent hearing loss. It also details suggestions on how to discuss hearing loss with children and how to teach children with hearing loss to advocate for themselves. Instructor Amanda Worek supervised the project, which included Class of 2020 students Krystal Radnor, Madeline Smith, Mika Genatossio, Sarah Kim, and Julia Holzwasser.

The Intersection of Climate Change and COVID-19

The Center for Climate Change, Climate Justice, and Health and the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments co-hosted the webinar "The Intersection of Climate Change and COVID-19" on May 27. Center Director Dr. Patrice Nicholas and member Dr. Suellen Breakey explored the relationship between, and the unique health challenges of, climate change and COVID-19.

DEI Update/May Summary

Financial wellness, food insecurity innovations, racial justice, and self-care practices during COVID-19 were some of the themes covered by workshops offered virtually by the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in May. The office engaged experts to lead workshops that enhanced the teaching and learning experiences of the IHP community on a variety of topics. In May, the office collaborated with: Dr. Taharee A. Jackson, Scientific Workforce Diversity Program Manager at the National Institutes of Health; Coco Rosenberg, 2019-2020 Equity and Inclusion Fellow and MEd Candidate, Arts in Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education; Tariana V. Little, DrPH, a public health professional and social entrepreneur; and Sifu Mai Du, eighth generation of the Wah Lum Tam Tui Northern Praying Mantis Kung Fu Style, owner and operator of the Wah Lum Kung Fu and Tai Chi Academy in Malden and Quincy.

A Pandemic Video

The SAiL Lab created a movie using lines from children’s books to tell the story of their experience with COVID-19 and to thank teachers and parents for their extraordinary efforts.

In photo: Xue Bao (PhD Student), MS-SLP ‘18

IHP Nurses Recognized in the Globe

Nursing students and alumni were highlighted in the Boston Globe’s 2020 Salute to Nurses section, published on May 10. Story.

SON Celebrated Florence Nightingale’s 200th Birthday

Faculty, staff, and students recognized Florence Nightingale’s 200th birthday with a virtual birthday party hosted by the School of Nursing.
How They Did It – The Virtual Pivot

Faculty members Midge Hobbs (IMPACT), Antonia Makosky (SON), Keshrie Naidoo (PT, in photo), and Sofia Vallila-Rohter (CSD) spoke about some of the flexibility, adaptability, and innovative teaching their respective programs did to pivot to virtual education during the COVID-19 pandemic. **How We Did It** held May 5 on Zoom, was moderated by Lynn Foord (PT).

Innovating During Times of Change: Virtual Telepractice Aphasia Center

Institute launches video series on how it's creatively responding to the changing classroom environment. The [first video](#) features the Aphasia Center.

Power, Privilege, and Positionality Article Published

Associate Provost Peter S. Cahn, Assistant Dean Mike Boutin, and President Paula Milone-Nuzzo co-authored the article "[Power, Privilege, and Positionality: How a Health Professions School Made its Commitment Visible to Students](#)," which was featured in *Insight into Diversity*. The article discusses the process for and impact of the tri-annual Power, Privilege, and Positionality event held during orientation.

IHP Scholarship, Research & News

**Communication Sciences & Disorders**


**Nursing**


**Occupational Therapy**

Perry, PhD '18, B. J., Stipancic (PhD Student), K. L., Martino, R., Plowman, E. K., & Green, J. R. (2020). Biomechanical Biomarkers of Tongue Impairment During Swallowing in Persons Diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. Dysphagia. Advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1007/s00455-020-10116-z

Interprofessional Education


Dr. Sue Farrell was senior author of "Introduction of A Longitudinal OSCE for an Aging Patient." Even though the annual meeting of the National American Geriatrics Society in May was cancelled, it was awarded Best Paper.


New Employee

Kenya Palmer
Instructor
School of Nursing

Promotions

Alison Davis
HR Generalist
Office of Human Resources

Janice Palaganas
Associate Director
Health Professions Education

On Becoming an OT

As part of a final synthesis professional reasoning course, Anna Do, OTD '21, penned a poem on her vision for herself as an OT now that she’s had two years of didactic course work.

Guiding, teaching, meeting clients at disruption, trusting me to help them see, walk, dance, and learn to live again.

We often take for granted the independence in washing our faces, holding our spoon, driving a car, walking in sunshine, embracing our loved ones...

And in isolation I see the need to move forward with uncertainty.

Hands to heal,
Eyes to seek,
Feet to find,
A mind to mend,
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Alumni Award Nominations Accepted Through June 30

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the deadline to nominate an alum for the Bette Ann Harris ‘83 Distinguished Alumni Award or the Emerging Leader Alumni Award has been extended to June 30. The awards will be presented at the 2020 Commencement.

Calendar

6/1: Power, Privilege, and Positionality, 2:00–3:30 p.m.
6/4: Virtual ABSN Pinning, 7:00 p.m.
6/9: LGBTQIA 101, Noon–1:00 p.m.
6/16: Inclusive Practice: Application to Clinical Environment, Noon–1:00 p.m.
6/18: Pronouns 101, Noon–1:00 p.m.
6/23: Baugh Visiting Faculty Scholar Lecture, Noon–1:00 p.m.
6/30: Pride Month Keynote Speaker: Intersex Justice, Noon–1:00 p.m.

View more events on the Institute's Master Calendar.

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.