President’s Perspective

President Milone-Nuzzo finds several moments of joy and silver linings from what the IHP is doing during the coronavirus pandemic.

Business As Unusual – The IHP During the COVID-19 Pandemic

"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 thus far:

- MGH Institute of Health Professions Joins COVID-19 Initiative
- Partners In Health, Led by IHP Alumna Dr. Sheila Davis, to Work with Massachusetts on Flattening COVID-19 Curve
- Faculty Creates Modeling Tool to Help Predict the Coronavirus Pandemic’s Impact
- DPT Alum Says Telehealth Is Here to Stay Because of COVID-19
- MGH Institute Board Chair to Direct Medical Services for Boston Hope
- COVID-19 Questions Answered, One Call at a Time
- The Sounds of Silence
- Poster Presentations in the Age of Zoom
- Faculty Expertise Helps Prepare Nurses, Faculty, and Students During COVID-19
- The Importance of Combating Fake News in the Age of COVID-19
- DNP Alum Running Clinical Command Team at Soldiers’ Home
- Best Dog in the World
- IHP Community Answers the Student Assistance Call
- For BSN Grads, a Coronavirus Coincidence
- DPT Students Use Flipgrid to Demonstrate Skills
- Keeping Children and Families at Spaulding Free from COVID-19

There are many more stories in the works, including those about Boston Hope, the Revere/Chelsea Quality Inn, and telehealth with clients from the Sanders IMPACT Practice Center to name just a few, all of which will be listed in the IHP Daily News. These are just a fraction of the exemplary work by and dedication of the IHP's faculty, students, 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.

Giving Tuesday, COVID-19 Edition

The Institute will participate in #GivingTuesdayNow, a global day of unity on May 5 created in response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19. The IHP will direct any donations to its COVID-19 Student Emergency Fund, which has raised more than $25,000 to help students overcome financial difficulties caused by the pandemic.
Supporting Asian Americans During COVID-19

The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion has partnered with the MGH Center for Cross-Cultural Student Emotional Wellness and the Harvard Graduate School of Education on the webinar series "Let's Talk! Supporting Asian and Asian American Students Through COVID-19." This series offers support to members of the IHP community at a time when Asian Americans are feeling particularly vulnerable. The next webinar, Predictable Parenting for Unpredictable Times, is May 6 at 4:00 p.m. Read more about other DEI activities in the office's recent newsletter.
OSAS Continues to Help Students During Pandemic

While everyone is physically distancing and socially connecting from off campus, Dr. Jack Gormley, Dean of Students and Alumni Services, produced a video message to let everyone know that OSAS and nearly all service areas of the Institute remain open virtually and ready to help the IHP's students.

Honoring PT Department on One Boston Day

Associate Director of Clinical Education and Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy Caitlin Fitzgerald donated to the Martin Richard Foundation and Partners in Health on One Boston Day, held April 15 to commemorate the city's resilience since the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings. Fitzgerald, who was on Boylston Street that day, made the donations "in honor of the IHP's physical therapy department who are working hard to support each other, our students, our communities, our healthcare front-line colleagues, our patients/clients and your families/friends."

A Wedding Ceremony During the Coronavirus

Scores of virtual guests tuned in using Zoom to witness CSD faculty member Joanna Christodoulou wed her long-time beau, James Walker, during an intimate ceremony on Sunday, April 19. Held on the John W. Weeks Bridge over the Charles River in Cambridge, Dr. Christodoulou noted, "It was peaceful and warm, and we were surrounded by signs of spring. Given our original wedding plans had to be cancelled, we were grateful to have these moments of celebration in a challenging time."

Virtual Music to the Ears at "IHP Together"

Sixteen live and recorded performances by 31 students, staff, alumni, spouses, and friends occurred May 1 at "IHP Together: Connecting Through the Arts."

The OSAS-sponsored event, orchestrated by Director of Alumni Relations Katie Mulcahy and Assistant Director for Student Leadership Development Kerry Kearns, was a musical celebration that included guitar, ukulele, piano, singing, and a classical Indian and Bollywood dance. Director for Career Development Russ Abbatiello emceed the event, introducing the performers and providing lively banter and a few Jib Jab videos featuring several IHPers to make the 90-minute event seem like it ended far too soon.

The performers were: Alexandria Lai, CSD '20: A remix of Corinne Bailey Rae's song, “Put Your Records On” (recording); Katie Marks Hartigan, CSD '15, PhD '21(c) with her husband, Robert Hartigan, on guitar: “Across the Universe” by Lennon & McCartney (live); Roberta Brehm, DPT '15: “This is The Moment” from Jekyll and Hyde (recording); David Sullivan, MGH Police and Security: “Sad, Sad, Sad, Sad (and Far Away From Home)” by Peter Mulvey (live); Anna Do, OTD '21: An original song (recording); Mika Genatossio, CSD '20 and Rebecca Myhill, CSD '20: “What is this Feeling?” from the musical Wicked (recording); Conor Larson, BSN '21: Guitar solo “Cliffs of Dover” by Eric Johnson (recording); Alex Dicker Fam, CSD '15: An original song (live); Priyanka Vora, DPT '13: Classical Indian & Bollywood Dance (recording); Lauren Baron, PhD '18, CSD '11: “You'll Never Walk Alone” by Rogers and Hammerstein (live); IHP Musicians Lena Hedayat, DPT '21, Rebecca Langdon, DPT '21, Danisha Bernard, CSD '20, Mika Genatossio, CSD '20, Alexandria Lai, CSD '20, Rebecca Langdon, DPT '21, JP Bonadonna, OTD '21, Ariel Lontoc, OTD '22, and Marianne Linton, OTD '22: “Lean on Me” by Bill Withers (recording); JP Bonadonna, OTD '21: “My Man” by Barbara Streisand (live); Mike Boutin, Assistant Dean for Faculty and Student Success in SHRS and friend Ruben Ramos (performing in NY): “You Will Be Found” from the musical Dear Evan Hanson (recording); IHP Musicians Bobby Creighton, CSD '19, Allison Aaron, CSD '19, Maria Galassi, CSD '19, Madeline Piela, CSD '19, and Jason Knowles, MSN '20: “You're All I Need to Get By” originally sung by Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrel (recording); Carolyn Hsu, CSD '13 and Allison Ma, CSD '13: “Somewhere Over the Rainbow” (live); Scott Sussman, CSD '14: “Help is on The Way” by David Friedman (recording).
2020 SGA Awards Announced

The 2020 Student Government Association awards were presented this year via video. The winners were: Innovative Spirit - Institute for Healthcare Improvement: Open School; Be the Change - Mental Health Club; C.A.R.E. Award (Community, Access, Responsibility, and Engagement) - Students for Racial Justice in Healthcare; Outstanding IMPACT - Student Government Association Facilities Committee; Student Organization Advisor – PT Assistant Professor Caitlin Fitzgerald, advisor to IHI; Emerging Leader Award - Alejandra Luna, OTD '22; and Outstanding Student Leader - Alexa McWhinnie, MSN '20.

Celebrating OT Month

The Student Occupational Therapy Association celebrated OT Month by making a video in which they thanked OTs at Massachusetts General Hospital.

OSAS Slideshow Highlights 2019-2020

The Office of Student and Alumni Services has put together a musical slide show depicting events held by the IHP’s student clubs during the 2019-2020 academic year.

Virtual Study Breaks, Study Buddies

The Office of the Library organized virtual study assistance activities leading up to and during finals. Over 60 students played Virtual Team Trivia on April 16 to help relax at the end of the semester and reconnect with their IHP peers over Zoom. The new Secret Study Buddies debuted at the end of the semester with 16 students sending their buddy encouragement, motivation, and/or congratulations for finishing their final exams and projects. And there were over 400 visits to the Study Breaks Guide.

IHP Scholarship, Research & News

Communication Sciences & Disorders


Genetic Counseling


Health Professions Education


Tinkham, L. (OTD ‘20) and Erler, K. presented a live webinar titled "Addressing Moral Distress Among OT Practitioners Caring for Clients with Traumatic Brain Injury" on May 1, 2020 as a part of the American Occupational Therapy Association Virtual Conference Series.

Erler, K. was an invited presenter for "Responding to COVID-19 in Post-Acute Care Settings: Ethical Considerations" on April 29, 2020 as a part of the American Occupational Therapy Association series COVID-19 and OT.


**Interprofessional Education**


**Nursing**


**Physical Therapy**


**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.](#)

**Alumni Award Nominations**

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**New Employee**

Kay Martinez  
Associate Director  
Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Promotions

Louisa Bong-Rybarski
Director of Accounting and Reporting
Department of Financial Services

Mike Boutin
Assistant Dean of Faculty and Student Success
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

Steve Ciesielski
Assistant Dean of Student Success
School of Nursing

Mary Ellen Ferolito
Assistant Dean of Operations
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

Lynn Foord
Chair
Department of Physical Therapy

Fran Li
Assistant Director of Financial Analysis
Department of Financial Services

Claire Sonnenberg
Director of Clinical Affiliations
School of Nursing

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

5/5: How We Did It: Turning on a Dime to Teaching Online, Noon
5/6: Loan Repayment Strategies Workshop, Noon
5/6: Preserving Resilience in Times of Stress, Noon
5/11: Student Town Hall, Noon

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.

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