President's Perspective

President Milone-Nuzzo writes of how the 2020 Commencement was in some ways an even better event done virtually, and looks forward to an exciting start of the fall semester even as the coronavirus pandemic continues.

2020 Commencement a Virtual Success

The 566 new graduates of the IHP were celebrated on August 30 during a virtual event that, despite being delayed more than three months because of the coronavirus, showcased their excellence and determination. SLP student Meyyammai Muthu (left) gave the keynote address, the fifth honorary degree was awarded, two outstanding alumni were recognized, and four retiring faculty from the School of Nursing received emerita status.

A Modified Return to Campus for Fall Semester

Students returned to campus in late August as the fall semester began, using an academic plan to provide flexibility in their course schedule to participate in clinical education placements as they become available while also limiting the number of people on campus at any one time. Read more about the COMMIT @ IHP plan.

IHP Resilience Virtual 5K to Support Student Emergency Fund

The Staff Council’s Community Service and Wellness and Social committees have teamed up to create the IHP Resilience 5K 2020 to foster community and raise funds for the IHP Student COVID-19 Emergency Fund. Donations and the $10 registration fee are tax-deductible, and all registrants will receive a free t-shirt courtesy of Human Resources and President Paula Milone-Nuzzo. Run, walk, bike, or skateboard the virtual 5K through Labor Day, September 7. Please send a selfie after completing it and, if you’re wearing your IHP Resilience baseball cap and/or a mask, even better! Register.

Continuing the Conversation on Power, Privilege, and Positionality

Each semester, all new students attend “What's the IHP’s Role in Health Care? Exploring the Impact of Power, Privilege, and Positionality,” an event featuring expert panelists who discuss systemic oppression in health care. Led by student efforts, this year the CSD Department has created a follow-up Exit PPP event for current and graduating students, as well as faculty and staff. Incoming CSD students were also invited to join for the presentations. The first iteration was held on August 25 via Zoom and was attended by more than 100 people. The session began with presentations by Dr. Tracy Conner (left, top), an experimental syntactician studying African American English at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and Dr. Shameka Stanford (left, bottom), a specialist in juvenile forensic speech-language pathology at Howard University. Talks were followed by a panel where each speaker took questions from the virtual audience, with attendees then breaking out into small facilitated discussion groups.
Climate Center Joins National Education Initiative

The MGH Institute’s Center for Climate Change, Climate Justice, and Health has joined the Nurses Climate Challenge, a national campaign led by Health Care Without Harm and the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments. The national campaign’s goal is to mobilize nurses to engage and educate other health professionals and students by using a comprehensive set of easy-to-use resources to prepare nursing students to better care for patients and communities.

Early Nursing Leader Passes Away

Elizabeth "Beth" Grady, who was an early leader of the IHP’s nursing program when it began in the early 1980s, passed away in August. According to her obituary, "Beth earned a PhD in organizational behavior at Case Western Reserve University to increase the depth of her knowledge and skills in nursing leadership. That leadership was nowhere more evident than during her decade helping to create and then serving as Director of the MGH Institute of Health Professions graduate program in nursing. She really loved this work and was deeply respected and appreciated as a mentor and innovator by her colleagues and students."

Educating the Future Front Line – The IHP Today

“Educating the Future Front Line – The IHP Today” on October 22 is a virtual event to support scholarships at the IHP. The featured speaker will be Michael Brenner, a professor at Harvard University, who will present his work on developing a Google app for aphasia patients by partnering with Jordan R. Green, director of the Institute’s Speech and Feeding Disorders Lab. To register for the free event, please email Amy Doherty.

Faculty News

Faculty Recognized at Virtual Convocation

Several faculty were recognized for their excellence on September 1 at the 2020 virtual Faculty Convocation. Dr. Sofia Vallila Rohter, an assistant professor of communication sciences and disorders, received the Nancy T. Watts Award for Excellence in Teaching, the IHP’s highest faculty honor.

Faculty to Research Effects of COVID-19

Twenty faculty members will use eight seed grants distributed by the Research Operations Committee to research the effects of the coronavirus on health care. It is hoped that these grants will develop into external grant proposals for translational research with the goal of tapping into the roughly $4 billion in new NIH research funding on the pandemic.

PhD in Rehabilitation Sciences Program Changes

Dr. Bob Hillman, who has been director of the PhD in Rehabilitation Sciences program since its inception, has stepped down but will continue being connected to the program as an adjunct faculty member. Dr. Teresa Kimberley, director of the Brain Recovery Lab and a professor of physical therapy, has been named interim director.

Health Professions Education Team Launches Podcast
Dr. Janice Palaganas, associate director of health professions education, and Dr. Peter Cahn, associate provost of academic affairs, have launched the podcast series *What's Your Delta? MGH Institute’s 3 Tips for Faculty Development*. They have provocative and candid conversations, explore faculty development, and tease out tips that might be helpful for any educator, through stories, debates, and laughs. Each podcast concludes with a short summary of three tips for handy reference later.

**Dean Tagliareni Recognized for Leadership**

School of Nursing Dean Elaine Tagliareni received a DAISY Nurse Leadership Award at the Doctor of Nursing Practice convocation on August 30. The award was created in 2015 to recognize courageous leaders who foster an environment where compassion and courage can thrive. The DAISY Foundation was established in 1999 by Bonnie and Mark Barnes, who lost their son Patrick to an autoimmune disease.

**Four SON Faculty Named Emeritae**

Drs. Inge Corless, Janice Goodman, Pat Lussier-Duynstee, and Nancy Terres retired from the School of Nursing. Combined, they have 96 years of experience working at the Institute. Read more about these new faculty emeritae.

**Ladd, Reidy Named Nursing Fellows**

School of Nursing professors Elissa Ladd and Patricia Reidy have been named Fellows of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN), the profession’s highest honor. Nurses are named Fellows for their significant contributions to health and health care.

**School Closings During COVID-19 May Cause Decrease in Young Children’s Reading Ability**

A new paper co-authored by Xue Bao, a PhD in Rehabilitation Sciences student, and SAiL Director Dr. Tiffany Hogan examines the connection between months of homeschooling and a possible loss of reading ability due to school closings caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

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Rehabilitation Sciences


Calendar

9/11: Community IMPACT Day
9/21: *E. Lorraine Baugh Visiting Faculty Scholar Lecture*, 1:00 p.m.

View more events on the Institute's *Master Calendar*.

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