Message from the Chair

Dear CSD alumni and friends,

Welcome to the 2013 edition of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders newsletter. It is our way to keep you electronically informed and up to date about what is happening in our department.

There are a number of items about alumni, faculty, and students I think you'll find quite interesting, so I invite you to click through to the full stories that are located on the IHP’s website.

I hope that you stay connected and involved with your alma mater as we educate the next generation of exceptional speech-language pathology professionals who are following in your distinguished footsteps.

Best Regards,

Gregory Lof, PhD, CCC-SLP, FASHA
Chair and Professor
Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders

P.S. We always like to hear about you — a new job, new baby, new significant other, new location, new research, etc. Please email the Office of Alumni Relations to share your good news.

New Faculty Join Department for 2013–2014

Professors Jordan Green, PhD, CCC-SLP, (left) and Tiffany Hogan, PhD, CCC-SLP, joined the Institute for the 2013-2014 academic year as faculty researchers. Their labs, the Speech and Feeding Disorders Lab and SAIL Literacy Lab, respectively, are located in the Institute’s newest location, Building 79/96, across the street from Building 149 in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Two other new faculty members joined the department

Dr. Alex Johnson to Receive Honors of ASHA at Convention

Alex F. Johnson, PhD, CCC-SLP, FASHA, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs and a renowned speech-language pathologist, will receive the Honors of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association at the 2013 Convention. Story.

Alumni Reception for Dr. Johnson to Occur November 15

The Office of Development and Alumni Relations and the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders will host a reception in Dr. Johnson’s honor on Friday, November 15, 2013, at the ASHA Convention from 8:30–10:00 p.m. in the Palmer House Hilton, 17 East Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60603. RSVP by November 8.

Faculty, Alumni, and Students to Present at ASHA Convention

More than 40 faculty, alumni, and students in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders will make presentations at the 2013 ASHA Convention. List.

Gala Raises Funds for Student Scholarships

More than 300 people attended the 2013 Gala on November 6. Once again held at the Renaissance Waterfront Boston Hotel, Transforming Lives: Education That Serves raised more than $390,000 for student scholarships.
as well: Clinical Assistant Professor Yael Arbel, PhD, CCC-SLP, and Clinical Instructor Rebecca Santos Inzana, MS, CCC-SLP.

CSD Runners Vow to Finish Boston Marathon in 2014

Faculty members Margaret Kjelgaard ’97, PhD, CCC-SLP, left, and Joanna Christodoulou, EdD, had passed the 20-mile mark when the two bombs exploded on April 19. Like thousands of other runners, they were directed off the course. But they have vowed to complete the race next year.

“I plan to return and make a once-in-a-lifetime experience into a twice-in-a-lifetime one,” said Christodoulou, who as part of Team IHP helped raise more than $16,000 for student scholarships. Added Kjelgaard, who previously had run the Boston race, “I went back and forth on this decision, but in the end, I would be remiss if I didn’t run again and finish it.”

A CSD Program Founder Passes Away

Kenneth Stevens, who was instrumental in creating the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders in the 1990s, passed away in August. He was 89.

Dr. Stevens worked with Julie Atwood and John Locke in

The department’s preceptors were among those who, along with faculty, students, and alumni, attended the Gala on November 7. They included: (Back row, left to right) Ann Bufano, MGH, Clinical Supervisor; Stacey Sullivan, MGH, Clinical Supervisor; Lara Hirner, MGH, Clinical Supervisor, Allison Holman, MGH, Clinical Supervisor; Meredith Bosley O’Dea, Clinical Assistant Professor ’03; Charlotte Lunde ’03, Boston Public Schools, Clinical Supervisor. (Front row, left to right) Tessa Goldsmith, MGH Clinical Supervisor; Kate Mulrane ’05, SRH Clinical Supervisor; and Kathy Violick Boole, SRH, Clinical Supervisor.

Student and Faculty Honors at 2013 Commencement

The following awards were presented at the CSD Awards and Hooding Ceremony at 2013 Commencement:

Students:

- Kathleen Carroll O’Halloran: Julie Atwood Award for Excellence
- Elizabeth Heller: Kenneth N. Stevens Student Research Award
- Yomna Elsiddig: Student Award for Innovation

Faculty:

- Meredith Bosley O’Dea ’03, MS, CCC-SLP Faculty Award for Excellence
- Lynette Holmes, MS, CCC-SLP Award for Excellence in Clinical Supervision

Matthew R. Bowers gave the student address, and Nancy Telian, MS, CCC-SLP, co-director of Reading with TLC, gave the Keynote Address.

Alumni Corner

Career Services Office Launched to Help Graduates in Job Search

The new Office of Career Services has been created to assist graduates and students with employment efforts. Led by Russell Abbateiello, MED, it offers a wide range of services such as resume critiques, interview practice, job
establishing the Institute’s program. He also taught courses during the program’s early years.

Dr. Stevens, who taught for 59 years at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, won the National Medal of Science in 1999 for his pioneering work in engineering and linguistics.

Each year at Commencement, the Institute bestows the Kenneth Stevens Student Research Award to an outstanding student researcher.

“We have lost a friend and wonderful supporter of our department,” said Chair Gregory Lof, “and the world of speech science has lost a giant.”

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**CEU Event Draws Large Crowd**

Alumni Brooks Lawrence ’97 and Susan Malloy ’98, and Adele Raade, clinical supervisor in the Aphasia Center, attended the September 2013 CEU event, “Perseveration and Its Management in Acquired Neurologic Disorders,” presented by Nancy Helm-Estabrooks, ScD, CCC-SLP, BC-ANCDS.

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search strategies, and networking and mentoring opportunities.

**Mentor an IHP Student**

Consider becoming an Alumni mentor through our CareerLink online career portal. This new career services tool will provide useful not only to matching mentor connections to our new graduates but will also provide services to those looking to further hone their job seeking abilities.

**January 15, 2014: Attend a Free Webinar**

The Office of Alumni Relations will present its next webinar, “Retail Health” on January 15, 2014 at 12:00 Noon on January 15, 2014. It is the latest in the Webinar series created to engage and inform Institute graduates. We welcome feedback on subject areas of interest and we encourage our Alumni to participate as presenters. If you are interested in becoming a webinar presenter or have a suggestion for us, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations.

**Join the MGH Institute Online Community**

We invite you to become part of our expanding online alumni community by connecting with our social media accounts to keep up with your fellow graduates.

**Research Resources Available to Alumni**

MGH Institute alumni have access to journals, databases, and other research resources at the Institute’s Alumni Library Resources section. This section is sure to meet many of your research needs. Alumni are also welcome to attend one of the upcoming workshops. Contact IHP Librarian Jessica Bell with questions or for assistance.

**Class Notes Wanted!**

We are always eager to know what's going on in the lives of our alums. Please submit a class note to let us know your exciting news. Tied the knot? Moved? Started a new job? Received an award? Welcomed a new addition? We want to hear all about it!
Got this as a forward? Sign up to receive our future emails.