A New Era Begins at the IHP

Message From the Dean

I'm entering my second full year as dean of the IHP and the MGH Institute. Looking back, I'm very pleased with what we've accomplished, including launching our new IMPACT Practice space, and receiving a Humanism in Medicine pin from sponsor MGH; and Trish Zeytoonjian, instructor, IPDEU; and Jacquelyn Fitzgerald, nursing director (MGH); Linda Andrist, Constance Santos Inzana, associate professor, IPDEU clinical; Leslie Portney, dean, School of IMPACT Practice (IHP); and Leslie Neal-Boylan, Nursing News.

The IHP is the only college in the City of Boston that coordinates the three interprofessional dedicated programs of highest quality in the state of Massachusetts. The three programs are in medicine, physician assistant studies, and dentistry.

Thirteen people from the IHP and Massachusetts Institute of Technology were invited to present at the Annual National Summit in Interprofessional Education and Collaboration (IPEC) in Dallas in February. The summit was attended by more than 2,000 people from across the United States, and featured presentations and discussions on the importance of interprofessional education, and the role of the IPEC Summit in setting standards for the field. The IHP was represented by fourteen faculty members, who were able to share best practices and strategies for improving interprofessional education and collaboration.

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