Greetings from the Dean

Welcome to the second edition of the School of Nursing electronic newsletter. As we prepare for Commencement on May 8, it seems appropriate to reflect on some of the highlights from the 2013–2014 academic year.

The accreditation process is especially important in professional schools, and the reaccreditation process allows an external assessment of the quality of each of our programs. In August 2013, after a year-long process of review, we submitted our Self Study document to the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). In October, we hosted a three-day site visit from a five-member evaluation team from CCNE.

While the final decision of the Commission is not expected until mid-May, I am pleased to say that the team’s report indicated that each of our programs met each element of every standard for accreditation, and the site visitors noted no areas of concern. In fact, the team documented many areas of excellence and noted the high quality of our programs. This wonderful news is a tribute to the talent and dedication of the School of Nursing faculty and staff.

This edition of the newsletter highlights other developments from the past year, including the opening of a state-of-the art research space on campus, the addition of seven exceptional new faculty members to the School of Nursing, and an innovative global health nursing opportunity for several master’s students led by Dr. Elissa Ladd.

This year’s Boston Marathon was particularly poignant, as we remembered the tragedy of the 2013 race while being proud of the care our alumni, students, faculty, and staff provided to the bombing survivors over the past year. We especially congratulate master’s student Matt Ellam, and thank all those who contributed to the MGH Institute in honor of his first marathon.

As we prepare to celebrate both National Nurses Week (May 6–12) and Commencement (May 8), we have much to be proud of. I hope you enjoy the newsletter, and invite you to share information about your accomplishments.

Laurie M. Lauzon Clabo, PhD, RN
Dean, School of Nursing

Boston Strong at 2014 Marathon

Nurse practitioner student Matthew Ellam, Class of 2015, was among the 10 members of the Institute community – including all five who ran as part of Team IHP – who completed the 2014 Boston Marathon. Story.

NP Students Provide Community Residents with Healthy Heart Info

To call attention to women’s heart disease, nurse practitioner students traveled to several Massachusetts General Hospital health centers during February taking blood pressures, calculating BMI, and doing health assessment and teaching. Story.

Creator of Dignity & Respect Campaign Shares Message of Inclusion
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellow

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Institute Opens New Research Space

The Institute added more than 14,000 square feet of space to accommodate its rapidly expanding research efforts, which include the work of Amelia Peabody Chair in Nursing Research Lisa Wood. The official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Center for Health & Rehabilitation Research in Building 79/96, located at the east end of the Charlestown Navy Yard, occurred in December 2013.

International Experience in India

Four nurse practitioner students accompanied Associate Professor Elissa Ladd to India in January. Check out their posts on the Institute’s new blog, The Pulse. Interested in blogging for your alma mater? Contact the Office of Communications and Marketing.

May 20: IHP's Sigma Theta Tau Chapter to Present Talk

The IHP’s Upsilon Lambda chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International is hosting award-winning WBUR health reporter Martha Bebinger on May 13, when she will give a free talk entitled, “Can the Media Help Fix Health Care?” Introduction of

E. Lorraine Baugh, left, and Candi Castleberry Singleton

Candi Castleberry Singleton shared her personal story as well as the tenets of the Dignity & Respect Campaign with the Institute community on Monday, March 24, as part of the E. Lorraine Baugh Visiting Faculty Series. Story and photos.

Nursing Generalist Ceremony

For Master of Science in Nursing students in the Class of 2015, the annual Generalist Ceremony marked the completion of the pre-licensure portion of their education.

Bannister Becomes Fellow of AAN

School of Nursing Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor Gaurdia Banister, PhD, RN, FAAN, was inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing in November. She is the seventh faculty member to become a Fellow.

Make a Gift in Honor of Nurses Week
May 30: International Dementia Scholars Collaborative Seminar

The School of Nursing and the International Dementia Scholars Collaborative present University of Massachusetts School of Nursing Associate Professor Cynthia S. Jacelon, PhD, RN-BC, FAAN, as the keynote speaker at a half-day seminar entitled, “Creating Patient- and Family-Focused Dementia Care” on Friday, May 30.

Dr. Jacelon, who also is Scholar in Residence at Jewish Geriatric Services in Longmeadow, will present her work on Attributed Dignity and discuss how dignity is relevant to people with dementia and their families. The free event is 8:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m., and includes lunch. RSVP to register.

Scholarship Gala Raises Over $390,000

Several School of Nursing faculty, alumni, and guests were among the more than 300 people who attended the Institute’s Gala in November 2013. The event, which raised more than $390,000 for student scholarships, was held at the Renaissance Waterfront Boston Hotel. Please join us at the 2014 Gala on November 5, when the theme will be "Elevating research. Expanding knowledge. Enhancing impact.”

Back Row (R-L): Roberta Nemeskal SON ’69, alumna Sheila Burke ’08, nursing student Alison Doppelt ’14, Barbara Dunderdale SON ’63, Margery Eramo SON ’57, and Susan Emery SON ’76. Front Row (L-R): Ann Quealy SON ’64, Mary Caira SON ’59, and Marlene Norton SON ’61.

School of Nursing Welcomes New

new officers is at 4:15 p.m., with the talk scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. RSVP to attend.

With National Nurses Week beginning on May 6, all of us at the School of Nursing would like to say thank you to our nursing alumni for your dedication to patient care and your efforts to improve health and health care in our nation and around the globe.

In recognition of National Nurses Week, we invite you to make a tribute gift in honor or in memory of a colleague, former classmate, fellow alum, or faculty member who you feel has had a profound influence on your life and work. When you make a tax-deductible gift to the MGH Institute Fund for Nursing, we will send a personalized acknowledgement card to your honoree.

To learn more about the MGH Institute Fund for Nursing, please email Director of Annual Giving and Stewardship Kelly Feeney, or call her at (617) 643-7194.

Alumni Corner

Alumni Breakfasts Scheduled at MGH and Brigham and Women’s Hospitals

Dean Laurie Lauzon Clabo and other members of the School of Nursing will be hosting breakfasts for nursing graduates who work at MGH and Brigham and Women’s hospitals:

* Tuesday, May 20: MGH, 8:00–9:00 a.m., Thier Conference room, 55 Fruit St.

* Thursday, June 12: Brigham and Women’s, 8:30–9:30 a.m., Deland Board Room, Executive Offices, 15 Francis Street.

Both events are co-sponsored by the Office of Development and Alumni Relations. Please RSVP to Sara Bucciarelli.

School of Nursing Alumna Named President at Maria College in Albany

Lea Johnson ’97 has used her Master
Help the Next Generation of Nurses

The School of Nursing is looking for exceptional preceptors for NP students for the 2014 summer and fall semesters. The time commitment involves working with a student for one day per week, although sometimes two preceptors share one student. Preceptors may be nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, clinical nurse specialists, physicians, and physician assistants. Benefits of precepting NP students include:

- Vouchers for free courses at the MGH Institute issued to your agency that any employee may use; they can be redeemed for courses in our Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program, as well as other post-professional course offerings;
- Credit towards Advanced Practice Nursing recertification (if applicable);
- Networking opportunities that could aid in nursing recruitment; and
- Potential to apply for adjunct faculty status

Please email Natasha Ohene, or call (617) 724-4059, for more information.

Championing Skier Safety

2013 School of Nursing graduate Kelly Brush Davissan may have lost the use of her legs in a ski race accident years ago, but since that time she has channeled her energies to promoting ski safety.

Class Notes Wanted!

We invite you to submit a class note to share with your fellow alumni what is happening in your world. This includes such things as new jobs and promotions, professional presentations given, awards, marriages, new babies (with photos!), and photos of couples who met while attending the Institute. In addition to including your news in the next issue of The Graduate this summer, we also intend to create an electronic photo album that will be posted on the school's social media sites (links at bottom of this newsletter) to provide easy access for the entire Institute alumni community.

Join the Institute's Online Community

We invite you to become part of our expanding online alumni community by joining IHP's LinkedIn, Facebook, and other social media to keep up with your MGH Institute classmates and fellow graduates.

Library 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 robust section is sure to meet many of your research needs. Contact IHP Librarian Jessica Bell with questions or for assistance.

Live Career Support Now Available

Have a quick resume question? Need some support in getting started searching for jobs in the new career portal? Students, alumni, and faculty can chat live
Community Initiative Collecting Marathon Stories

A digital archive of stories, photos, videos, social media content, and recorded interviews about the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing is being collected via the community project initiative Our Marathon.

Alumni who cared for survivors, or were personally affected by the tragedy, are invited to contribute their accounts. Please mention that you are part of the MGH Institute community so the public will know of the school's sizeable reach throughout the Boston health care community, and please send a copy of your submission to the Office of Alumni Relations.

New Campus Bookstore Now Offering More Clothing

TextbookX Online Bookstore, the Institute's new official bookstore, has a much larger variety of school-branded merchandise available, with free shipping for orders over $49.

Alumni Mentors Sought

An Alumni Mentoring Network has been established to encourage graduates to interact with peers who may provide insight and knowledge about the job market. Current students are also encouraged to sign up and be paired with alumni mentors who can advise them about their career options.

Alumni Webinar Series

The Office of Alumni Relations is producing a series of webinars to engage and inform our 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 to suggest a topic, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations.

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