Letter From the Chair

Greetings, everyone, and welcome to our fourth annual electronic alumni newsletter. I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our activities since last year at this time.

PT Curricula

In December 2016, our last class of MSPT students (Class of 2017) concluded their degree requirements. Some students have elected to remain through Spring 2017 to take an elective course in ethics and practice in the US health care system, or to participate in further training in the PT Center for Clinical Education and Health Promotion.

In June 2016, our first class of DPT students matriculated into the new DPT curriculum. For further information on the curriculum, watch this video introduction.

With the graduation in January 2017 of the DPT Class of 2017, the Class of 2018 moves into its final year of academic and clinical courses in the original DPT curriculum. For fun, visit YouTube and check out the Class of ’17’s homage to their time at the Institute – a parody of “Work It.”

Our Clinical Residency in Orthopaedic Physical Therapy program continues to grow. We have five residents this year at three different facilities (Mass General, Spaulding Framingham, and Bay State Physical Therapy). This coming year we will be adding a sixth resident and a fourth site at Brigham and Women's/Mass General Health Care Center in Foxboro.

Transitions

The issue of the gray wave in higher education is hitting the Institute and the PT Department. In June, the Institute’s President, Dr. Jan Bellack, will retire, followed at the end of August by the Chair of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Dr. Gregg Lof. Retiring from active duty in the PT Department are Dr. Marianne Beninato (after 22 years at the Institute), Dr. Pamela Levangie (after seven years at the Institute), and Dr. Janet Callahan (after five years at the Institute). Searches are currently underway for faculty and for a new Chair. In the 2018 Newsletter, we will tell you more about the retirees and, hopefully, the new Chair can introduce herself or himself in the next Letter From the Chair!

Faculty to Present at CSM 2017

Several Institute faculty will be presenting during the APTA's Combined Sections Meeting in San Antonio on February 15–18, 2017. They are: Diane Jette, Jane Baldwin, Keshrie Naidoo, Janet Callahan, David Selkowitz, Marianne Beninato, and Donna Applebaum.

Complete list of presentations.

Join Us at Our Reception

Our annual Alumni Reception is on Thursday, February 16, from 6:30–8:00 p.m. at the Hilton, La Condessa. Hope you can make it.

Celebrate the IHP’s 40th!

The Institute in 2017 is celebrating its 40th anniversary, and we’re looking for memories of your time at the school that will be included in our Virtual Time Capsule.

PT Program is Top-Rated in New England, 8th in Country

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program is now ranked 8th in the country by U.S. News & World Report, and it is the top-rated program in New England.
Faculty News

PT faculty continue to be productive members of our professional community. During the 2016 calendar year, faculty published nine papers in peer-reviewed journals (with seven more accepted or in press) and made 28 presentations at state, regional, national, and international professional venues. The majority of our 17 faculty are also serving on or leading professional groups within our large professional organization, including Dr. Diane Jette’s appointment this year as Deputy Editor of Physical Therapy. Congratulations also go to Dr. Sara Knox, who celebrated successful completion of her PhD in Health Sciences from Nova Southeastern University in December.

Hope to See You at CSM!

If you are going to be at the 2017 Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) in San Antonio this coming week, please look for faculty at their presentations. The Institute’s Alumni Reception will be on Thursday, February 16 from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm at the Hilton, La Condessa. We’d love to see you.

As always, we invite you to keep in touch about what you are doing, send any suggestions or ideas you may have for us or our programs, and answer questions from you about how you can get involved in the DPT program as a lab instructor, facilitator, or at a clinical site for experiential learning.

Have a great 2017!

Best Regards,

Pamela K. Levangie, DPT, DSc, FAPTA
Professor and Chair
Department of Physical Therapy

PT Awards at 2016 Commencement

Students, faculty, and alumni received several awards at the 2016 Commencement.

PT In The News

DPT student Mollie Frederiksen performed in the North Shore Civic Ballet’s annual "12 Dancers Dancing ... A Christmas in Cambridge" holiday event on December 16-17.

Student Trips During Break

• A group of seven physical therapy students travelled to Guatemala and Honduras to work in clinics with the non-profit MoveTogether. Assistant Professor Jane Baldwin tweeted several times during the trip.

• An interprofessional group composed of eight students from physical therapy and the IHP’s other four programs spent a month participating in clinical experiences in South India with School of Nursing Associate Professor Elissa Ladd and Occupational Therapy Associate Professor Mary Hildebrand.

Publications

Associate Professor Douglas Gross, co-author: “The
Annual DPT Pinning Ceremony

Sixty-nine members of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2019 received IHP pins and listened to Julie Koskey, Coordinator of Clinical Education and a senior physical therapist at Newton-Wellesley Hospital, give the keynote speech on September 23 at the department’s Pinning Ceremony. Keilianne Josephsen and Ana Sanchez Perez, both of whom are 2016 DPT graduates, provided tips about their time as an IHP student. [Facebook album](https://t.e2ma.net/message/f6exxb/v6xscr).

MSPT Students Get Pinned

Students in the Master of Science in Physical Therapy Class of 2017 held their pinning ceremony on December 2. The students presented their scholarly work at the event, which was followed by a reception.

Celebrating Diwali

Association of Forefoot Varus Deformity with Patellofemoral Cartilage Damage in Older Adult Cadavers.” *The Anatomical Record.*

Professor and Associate PT Chair Diane Jette, author: "Physical Therapy Student Loan Debt." *Physical Therapy.*

Associate Professor Tracy Brudvig, first author, Professor Anthony Guarino and former faculty D.J Mattson, co-authors: "Critical Thinking Skills and Learning Styles in Entry-Level Doctor of Physical Therapy Students." *Journal of Physical Therapy Education.*


PhD Research Fellow Tamra Keeney, first author, Professor Alan Jette, co-author: "Spinal Cord Injury Functional Index: Ability to Detect Change." *Archives of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation.*


Associate Professor K. Douglas Gross, co-author: "Are Pressure Time Integral and Cumulative Plantar Stress Related to First Metatarsophalangeal Joint Pain? Results From a Community-Based Study." *Arthritis Care & Research.*

Assistant Professor Kelly Macauley, first author: "Perceptions of an International Interprofessional Education Experience: Findings from Students Based in Europe and North America." *Journal of Interprofessional Care.*


Assistant Professor Kelly Macauley, co-author: "Perceptions of an International Interprofessional
More than 50 students, staff, and faculty enjoyed a night of cultural learning, dancing, and an Indian feast at the Institute’s Diwali celebration on November 3. A wonderful cultural event and a major festival of Hinduism, Diwali signifies the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair. This annual event was hosted by the students in the Master of Science in Physical Therapy program and the Office of Student and Alumni Services.

PT Students Among Those Who Volunteer With Special Townies

A group of IHP students, led by Occupational Therapy Associate Professor Andrea Fairman, School of Nursing Assistant Professor Mary Thompson, and Physical Therapy Assistant Professor Laura Plummer, delivered a weeklong “Transitions Camp” in late August 2016 for children with special needs. Many of these children have difficulties with transitions, especially with the major changes in daily routines moving from summer vacation into the school year. This interprofessional program was held in collaboration with Special Townies, a Charlestown non-profit organization that provides support to families with special needs children and youth. Students from the nursing, occupational therapy, and physical therapy programs provided support to the campers in a variety of activities designed to address individualized goals to get them ready for the new school year.

Class of 2016 Grad to Run Boston

Education Experience: Findings from Students Based in Europe and North America.” *Journal of Interprofessional Care.*

Professor Marianne Beninato, co-author: "The Functional Gait Assessment in Older Adults: Validation Through Rasch Modeling." *Physical Therapy.*

Associate Professor Elise Townsend, co-author: "Supported Standing in Boys With Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy." *Pediatric Physical Therapy.*

Earn Your PhD at the IHP

The PhD in Rehabilitation Sciences is designed for clinically certified/licensed health care professionals in Physical Therapy as well as several other health disciplines who wish to acquire the advanced knowledge and skills to conduct clinical research with an emphasis on assessing clinical outcomes in rehabilitation. Doctoral Fellowships to cover most of the program costs are available for up to six qualified candidates. Email mlnicholas@mghihp.edu or visit www.mghihp.edu/phd for more information.

IHP Only College in Boston Named to Chronicle's Honor Roll

The IHP was the only college in the City of Boston named to the *Honor Roll* in the 2016 *Chronicle of Higher Education* “Great Colleges to Work For” survey. It is the third consecutive year the school has made the publication’s highest level, and the seventh straight year named a Great College.

Alumni Corner

Alumni Award Nominations Accepted Through March 20

Know an alumnus who’s doing extraordinary things? If so, please nominate him/her for either the Bette Ann Harris ’83 Distinguished Alumni Award or the Emerging Leader Alumni Award, both of which will be presented during 2017 Commencement ceremonies on May 6.

Join The IHP's Online Community
Marathon for Team IHP

Alumna Nina Freitas, PT ’16, will be running in the 2017 Boston Marathon as members of Team IHP. This will be the seventh year the school has hosted a team, during which time more than $100,000 has been raised to support scholarships and other causes at the Institute. You can help Nina reach her goal.

Library Resources for 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.

Career Support Available

Making a career move? Need your resume updated? Need to prepare for an upcoming interview? Check out IHP’s career resources website and start moving forward now.

Wanted: Lab Instructors, Teaching Assistants, and Clinical Instructors

We are seeking physical therapists to assist in clinical skills laboratories, to serve as facilitators for small group discussions, or to supervise students in the Institute’s pro-bono PT Center for Clinical Education and Health Promotion.

Some (but not all) activities require weekly time commitments of two to six hours per week during a 13-week semester; however, there are also options to identify selected three-hour opportunities. While needs vary by semester, we are looking for practitioners with experience in a variety of content areas including Neuro, Cardiopulmonary, and Musculoskeletal, among others. Contact Program Manager Sheila Regan for more information.

Tell Us About Your Life!

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, and awards, along with marriage photos, and photos of you with your new baby. We’ll include them in an upcoming issue of the MGH Institute magazine.

Feedback, Tips, Ideas, Etc.

Please submit suggestions or comments about any issue at the IHP to President Bellack’s online suggestion box, Institute Input.
Please forward items of interest to PT News editor John Shaw.

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