School of Nursing is Created

Recognizing the expansion of the Graduate Programs in Nursing in recent years, the program has been reorganized as the MGH Institute School of Nursing to meet the increasing demand of educating more nursing professionals.

The change, effective March 1, is the first phase of a restructuring plan that will allow the administration to work more efficiently and plan for future growth throughout the Institute.

“This is more than a name change,” said Dr. Alex Johnson, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. “We made the decision to reorganize based on the program’s expansion of nursing degree options and its sustained enrollment growth, which now constitutes 40 percent of our total student body.”

“We’ve been operating as a school of nursing in everything but name,” added President Janis P. Bellack. “The new name is a better reflection of what we have become over the years and what we are striving to do in the future as the Institute continues to be a leader in nursing education.”

The Institute became the successor institution to Massachusetts General Hospital’s century-old diploma School of Nursing, which closed in 1981 during a time when nursing education nationally was shifting to a university model of preparation.

The nursing program was one of the first in the nation to develop and offer a direct-entry Master of Science in Nursing for non-nurses wishing to become nurse practitioners. The direct-entry master’s program is currently ranked sixth in New England by US News & World Report.

under Dr. Chisholm, growth and innovation

Dean of Nursing Margery Chisholm is an educator at heart.

Dr. Chisholm, who has led the nursing programs for the past six years at the Institute, will return to her roots as a full-time professor after a sabbatical in the fall. She has served as the first dean of the newly-renamed MGH Institute School of Nursing.

So while she is looking forward to the opportunity to once again teach and mentor students, she points with pride to her accomplishments as the leader of a nationally known and respected nursing program.

“It’s been a wonderful opportunity for me,” she told an overflow crowd of colleagues during a ceremony held in her honor in March. “Everyone I’ve worked with here has put so much time into making the nursing program the success that it is today. And it’s great to see it become a school of nursing.”

speech center doubles in size to meet demand

The number of visits by clients with speech and language issues had doubled in recent years, and that was a good thing for Clinical Assistant Professor Lesley Maxwell.

As director of the Speech, Language and Literacy Center, Maxwell knew more space was needed since the center now had 200 weekly client visits. She also wanted to upgrade the Center’s equipment to provide a more comprehensive learning environment for the speech-language pathology students who work with patients under the careful eyes of herself and other Communication Sciences and Disorders faculty.

The Institute’s campus expansion from one to three buildings last fall did more than solve the space problem. It also allowed creating a state-of-the-art center in the first floor of the Catherine Filene Shouse building that now delivers better care to more people – and has the space to add more patients as the program continues to grow.
The 2008-09 academic year has been one of great progress and accomplishments at the MGH Institute. We will have graduated our largest class by the time you read this, but the excitement and expectation that surrounds each commencement season is one that allows everyone to reflect on our mission of producing the best healthcare professionals in New England and beyond.

Some of this year’s achievements included:

- Creating more of a campus feel by expanding into two additional buildings in the Charlestown Navy Yard, which allowed us to renovate and expand the Speech, Language and Literacy Center and create much-needed quiet study space for students;
- Reorganizing nursing into the MGH Institute School of Nursing to better reflect that program’s mission and scope of work;
- Having the Medical Imaging certificate program granted an eight-year continuing accreditation – the maximum period of time possible; and
- Seeing a significant increase in applications during the recent admissions process, including more than a 100% rise in several programs.

We also reviewed our five-year strategic plan, engaging the faculty and staff to focus on strengthening the Institute’s distinctiveness through excellence, strategic growth, and innovation. Five priorities were identified:

1. Enhance the school’s distinctiveness and visibility locally, nationally, and internationally;
2. Optimize the total student experience, from first point of contact through a lifelong association as alumni;
3. Foster greater academic excellence through program innovation, faculty development, and a focus on interdisciplinary and global learning opportunities;
4. Increase the Institute’s research capability and productivity; and
5. Align our structure and resources to more effectively achieve our priorities.

Three “cross-cutting” themes will be integrated with the above priorities: embracing diversity, leveraging our relationships with Partners HealthCare affiliates, and using a continuous improvement model to ensure we remain adaptable and flexible in response to new challenges and opportunities.

While we are encouraged by our achievements, these unprecedented economic times have not been without some challenges. Although we faced an unexpected temporary budget shortfall due in large part to fewer new students enrolling in 2008-09, we reduced non-essential spending and left selected positions unfilled – while not resorting to layoffs – to decrease the budget shortfall and position us for a much stronger year in 2009-10. The positive news is that we anticipate having upwards of 350 new students in the fall, by far our largest incoming class.

As always, we enjoy hearing from our alumni and friends, and welcome your questions and suggestions. On behalf of our faculty, students, and staff, I thank you for your continued support.

Janis P. Bellack
President and John Hilton Knowles Professor
The MGH Institute has received a gift of real estate currently worth $4.25 million from Richard Bressler and his wife Judith Fong Bressler, who has been a trustee since 2008.

It is twice the size of the largest previous gift given by any individual or foundation in the school’s 32-year history.

“We are indebted to Richard and Judith Bressler for their generosity and their confidence in the Institute and its future,” said President Janis P. Bellack. “Mrs. Bressler’s close connection to MGH as an alumnae of the former hospital-based nursing school, and now as a member of the Institute’s Board of Trustees, makes this gift especially meaningful. This remarkable act of philanthropy will help position us for future growth.”

Mrs. Bressler, who graduated from the Institute’s predecessor institution, the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing, is a strong advocate for promoting educational opportunities, especially for women. In 1996 she established and funded the Judith Fong Bressler Nursing Scholarship to support nursing students at the MGH Institute who demonstrates clinical excellence in their studies.

“Whether acquired formally or informally, education can level the playing field for even the most disadvantaged individuals,” said Mrs. Bressler. “Education is a catalyst for change.”

Recognizing that outstanding nurses are shaped as much by their educational experience as they are by their own compassion and commitment to delivering quality care, the Bresslers also established an annual $5,000 Nursing Faculty Prize in 2007 to recognize an Institute clinical preceptor who “demonstrates excellence in the role of mentor” and identifies teaching as core to his or her professional nursing responsibilities.

“The Bresslers have been steadfast champions of the MGH Institute over the years and we are deeply grateful for this supreme vote of confidence in supporting our mission to prepare the very best health care practitioners,” said board of trustees chair Dr. George E. Thibault, President of the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation.

The Institute Board of Trustees has voted to limit the tuition increase for the next academic year to just three percent – the smallest tuition increase in ten years.

“Tuition and fees have been set at a level that ensures the MGH Institute can continue to deliver high quality programs and services, while also recognizing the economic hardships many of our students and prospective students are facing,” said President Janis P. Bellack.

Dr. Alex F. Johnson, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, noted that the cost to attend the MGH Institute remains at or below the median rates of other private institutions offering comparable programs. “While many industries are experiencing widespread layoffs, health care is one area where demand remains high,” noted Dr. Johnson. “The MGH Institute is committed to help meet the health care industry’s workforce needs over the coming decade, while also ensuring affordable access to education in these clinical fields.”

In addition to minimizing next year’s tuition increase, the school also announced that financial aid available to the graduate school’s 850 students will rise five percent next academic year to $2.18 million, nearly double the amount of financial aid offered three years ago.

“Higher education is not immune to the economic pressures currently rippling through the economy,” said President Bellack, “and the forecasted shortages among nurses, physical therapists and radiologic technologists over the next decade make it even more critical that we continue to make our programs accessible and affordable.”
The Graduate Program in Medical Imaging has received top marks in its second accreditation review process. The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) awarded an eight-year accreditation in March, giving the program approval through 2017. “We congratulate you and the program faculty for achieving the maximum award of accreditation from the JRCERT and wish you continuing success in your efforts to provide a quality educational program,” wrote Chair Denise E. Moore.

The program was accredited for three years when it was launched in the fall of 2005, so getting a longer approval this time around was good news to Program Director and Clinical Assistant Professor Richard Terrass. “It’s gratifying to see our program with its many unique features validated by our peers and to receive the maximum possible accreditation,” said Terrass. “It shows that our hybrid model works.”

The unique 17-month post-Baccalaureate certificate program, which prepares graduates to become radiologic technologists, combines the flexibility of online study with hands-on clinical experience at some of the region’s premiere health care facilities.

Bryan Bergeron, MD, Acting Director and Associate Professor in the Graduate Program in Clinical Investigation, has received the prestigious Book of the Year Award from the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society, for his 2008 book on data warehousing, Developing a Data Warehouse for the Healthcare Enterprise.

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Christopher Norman, '07 (to attend University of Nebraska), Rebecca Givens '08 (Harvard University), Marie Jette, '06 (University of Wisconsin-Madison), and Shanna DelPrete,'06 (University of Massachusetts-Amherst) are the graduating students from the Institute, while Allisa Arndt, '00 and Elizabeth Crawford, '02 are slated to graduate soon from the University of Florida.

THE POLITICS OF DISPARITY

Here’s a question that was posed to more than 400 first- and second-year students: How can someone reject his or her pre-conditioned biases when they meet someone new? That was one of the discussion points this past February when the school’s Associate Provost and Chief Diversity Officer, Dr. Calvin Hill, led the students and many faculty members during an interdisciplinary seminar: “What Shall I Do? The Politics of Disparity.”

During his discussion, Dr. Hill addressed what he referred to as the politics of disparity by focusing on self awareness and the clinician’s role during students’ interaction with patients. By exploring the concept of power and social justice, Dr. Hill urged students to think of themselves as change agents. “It’s important that people acknowledge whatever biases they have,” explained Dr. Hill, “so once you’ve done that, what can you do about it?”

Since starting the school’s first diversity office in July 2008, Dr. Hill has worked on generating a shared vision of diversity, with special emphasis on:

- Recruitment and retention of students, faculty and staff;
- Creating a welcoming environment;
- Engaging the Institute community & the community at large; and
- Creating an environment of accountability where diversity awareness and appreciation becomes the norm.

PHYSICAL THERAPY, NURSING FACULTY RECEIVE RESEARCH AWARD

Physical Therapy Assistant Professor Dr. Elise Townsend, and School of Nursing Assistant Professor Dr. Ruth Lopez have been named the 2009 recipients of the Faculty Research Fellowship Award.

Dr. Townsend was granted the unrestricted award for her project Effects of a motorized standing program on bone mineral density, posture, functional abilities and health related quality of life in boys with muscular dystrophy.

Dr. Lopez was awarded the gerontology grant for her project Antecedents to uncertainty in family members of nursing home residents with dementia.

Funds awarded allow for faculty members to purchase equipment, support student research assistants, or utilize other resources needed to carry out their projects.
Dr. Margery Chisholm, continued from page 1

"Dr. Chisholm has served the Institute as a dynamic and innovative leader," said Provost and Academic Vice President Dr. Alex F. Johnson, who also cited her role in adding faculty members and initiating new research programs. “I speak for everyone at the Institute by congratulating her for leadership and service at the Institute. She has been invaluable.”

Having spent her career in education and clinical care, she began her Institute appointment focusing on the specialization tracks where the distinguishing feature of study at the school. She added three new initiatives, including the development of courses for a teaching certificate, securing a Health and Human Resources Administration grant that forgives 85% of loans to nurses who agree to teach for three years after graduation.

Creating New Pathways

Dr. Chisholm also set a strategic plan with the faculty to create additional pathways for various levels of study, differing kinds of students, and different career opportunities. These pathways – notably the Doctor of Nursing Practice in 2007 and the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2008 – have led to unparalleled growth in enrollment, faculty, and programs and clinical sites during her tenure. More than 400 nursing students are expected to have enrolled by this September across all programs.

Both programs received final approval from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges this past April. Those two programs, along with the Master of Science in Nursing, received accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education the same month. The DNP is one of the first four programs in the country to receive CCNE accreditation.

In addition to being a registered nurse and a clinical specialist in child and adolescent psychiatric nursing, she is a licensed psychologist, and a Diplomate of the American Board of Professional Psychology in the area of family therapy. She is one of the few nurses to achieve this status. Her research interests include dealing with catastrophic illness and trauma in families, as well as the impact of addictions on family life.

In 2008, a 14-month Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing was added; the first class graduated earlier this month. That same year the Institute became one of the first schools in the nation to offer the new Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. Eighteen students will finish their coursework later this summer as the program’s second cohort.

The nursing program, which has produced more than 1,200 graduates since awarding its first nursing degree in 1985, continued its growth during the past year. A record 800 people applied to the program for the 2009-10 academic year.

Dr. Chisholm joined the Institute in 2003 from Northeastern University, where she had been Interim Dean for the School of Nursing and Associate Dean of Bouve College. She succeeded Dr. Arlene Lowenstein.

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Dr. Deborah L. Givens ’90, ’05 Named Distinguished Alumnus

When advanced master’s physical therapy student Deborah Givens and faculty member BA Harris first met in 1988, little did they know their names would be linked more than 20 years later.

Givens, who received her advanced master’s in 1990 and her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in 2005, is the 2009 recipient of the Bette Ann Harris ’83 Distinguished Alumni Award. It is named in honor of the Institute’s first graduate and its current Associate Provost for Academic Affairs.

“I met BA when I first arrived at the Institute, and she was a great teacher,” recalled Dr. Givens, a nationally recognized expert on spinal biomechanics who is the Director and Associate Professor of Physical Therapy at the School of Allied Medical Professions in the College of Medicine at The Ohio State University. “I really learned a lot from her.”

“She’s a wonderful choice,” noted Dr. Harris. “She was an exceptional student when she was at the Institute studying for her advanced master’s degree and by the time she returned for her transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy degree after previously earning a PhD, she had already established herself as a nationally known scholar and leader in our field.”

Dr. Givens, who received the award at the Institute’s May 2 Commencement, said, “I was quite overwhelmed to be nominated, and then to be chosen is a tremendous honor.”

In addition to her responsibilities as Director of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Ohio State, Dr. Givens is a faculty member in both the Biomedical Engineering and the Health and Rehabilitation Sciences PhD degree programs. Dr. Givens has received the school’s Faculty Research, the Faculty Teaching, and the Faculty Service awards.

In addition to her academic career, she has more than 25 years experience as a clinician and has numerous publications including peer-reviewed professional journal articles, book chapters, and monographs. Her research on low back pain and spine biomechanics is funded by the National Football League and the National Institutes of Health.

FIRST AWARD FOR NEW BSN PROGRAM

The Miriam “Mim” J. Huggard, SON ’31 Nursing Scholarship was awarded to Erin Lyons McManus at the 2009 nursing hooding and awards ceremony.

Pictured with McManus are Accelerated Bachelor of Science Associate Director Alex Paul-Simon, Margery Eramo, SON ’57, and Margery Chisholm, Nursing Dean.

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CLASS NOTES

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

Jeff Anderson ’93 is the new vice president for Research-Strategic Direction for the University of Texas-San Antonio. His job will be to create collaborative projects between the University of Texas, San Antonio (UTSA) and the similarly named, but separate institution of the University of Texas Health Care Center, San Antonio (UTHSCSA).

Suzanne E. Danforth ’94 contributed to a medical textbook on ALS in 2006, and currently is learning homecare to round out her experience in all settings and with all ages.

“After graduation I worked for three years as an SLP/Reading Specialist at the Winthrop Middle School, assessing and treating adolescents with communication and/or reading difficulties,” writes Melissa DiPerri Feller ’04. “I am now employed full-time at the Institute for Learning and Development in Lexington, where I conduct comprehensive evaluations and treat students and young adults with attention, learning, language and/or executive function difficulties.”

Elaine Gruber ’02 is married and has an 18-month-old son. She started her own private practice called “Speech in Motion,” and led a Pilot Project looking at the integration of early AAC strategies in a special needs kindergarten classroom.

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Collean Scali ’06 has been named director of speech services at Whittier Rehab in Bradford, Mass.

“I am working in a non-profit preschool program as the head of the speech department,” writes Kara Schneit ’00. “The program is inclusive and is run on the Transdisciplinary model, and serves children from birth to five years old.”

Pamela Su ’02 was recently named the Director of Speech and Language Services at Brigham and Women’s Hospital.
Reunion 2009 Expands Social Activities

It’s connecting with fellow alumni that Roya Ghazinouri, PT ’99, tDPT ’06 is enjoying the most as co-chair of Reunion 2009.

“The best part is how I’ve been able to meet and talk to so many graduates from all the programs at the Institute,” she says. “It’s been great.”

REUNION 2009 SCHEDULE
Friday, May 29 – Saturday, May 30
(the weekend following the Memorial Day weekend)

Friday, May 29
5:00–9:00 pm: Hosted reception at the 33 Restaurant & Lounge, 33 Stanhope Street, Boston. Easy T access (Back Bay Station) & parking (Garage at 100 Clarendon). Pre-registration encouraged.

Saturday, May 30
7:30–9:00 am: Continental breakfast at the Institute; pre-registration required. Free.
9:00–11:00 am: Panel presentation of guest experts: “Optimizing the Health of Returning Veterans and Their Families.”

Note: This special program is open to all Institute alumni, Reunion & non-Reunion years, and their guests. Pre-registration required, attendance limited. CEU presentation.

11:30am–1:30 pm: Family-friendly BBQ on the lawn at MGH Institute for Reunion Class alumni and their guests. Professional child care will be provided; child and youth activities will be available. Pre-registration required.

Cost: $30 per person; $10 for children 12-18, free for children 11 & under.

1:30–6:30 pm: Activities for alumni in individual programs.

Physical Therapy and Dietetics: Museum of Science and Boston Duck Tour.

Note: Costs vary. Participants need to purchase tickets on their own.

7:30 pm: Dinner at Sel de la Terre, 225 State Street (at Long Wharf), Boston. Three-course dinner with coffee. Cost: $70 per person, $35 for children 12 & under. Alcohol not included. Seating by Program & Class; Pre-registration required.

9:00 pm and Beyond: Several opportunities will be available for Reunion alumni to continue their catching up. A list and map of popular pub crawl locations will be provided in the registration packet.

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CLASS NOTES

Althea Wagman-Bolster ’96 became a board recognized specialist in swallowing and swallowing disorders (BRSS) in February 2008.

“I am still working in Bermuda for the Department of Health,” writes Julie Williams ’03. “My caseload on average is approximately 60 students.”

SCHOOL OF NURSING

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Ruth M. Farrisey, SON ’38
Legacy Society Established

The Ruth M. Farrisey, SON ’38 Legacy Society has been established by the MGH Institute to honor and recognize those who have made a provision for the Institute through a bequest, trust, insurance or retirement policy, or other estate-planning vehicle.

These extraordinary gifts, in any amount, are indicative of the donor’s most important values and provide critical funding for students, faculty, research, and special initiatives.

Those who notify the MGH Institute by June 30, 2010 of inclusion in a bequest or planned giving vehicles will become a Founding Member of the Society.

Benefits to joining the Farrisey Society include listing as a member in publications and on the society’s recognition plaque (members may choose to be listed as anonymous if they wish); invitation to the annual Farrisey Society event; and invitations to special events hosted on campus.

The Farrisey Society is named in honor of Miss Farrisey, a 1938 graduate of the MGH School of Nursing, the Institute’s predecessor institution, and a faculty member at both schools.

Upon her death in 2007, she made a generous gift to the MGH Institute through a bequest.

For information without obligation, contact Kris Anne Hormann, Associate Director of Development, at (617) 643-3928 or khormann@mghihp.edu.

Kris Anne Hormann joins Institute as Associate Director of Development

For years, Kris Anne Hormann had seen the ill effects of poor health care in both her personal and professional life. That is why she enthusiastically signed on at the MGH Institute to become the school’s Associate Director of Development.

“I wanted to concentrate my energies in the area of changing health care to make it more patient-centered and accessible to all,” she says. “I have seen both good and poor health care delivery and access for members of my extended family and for friends. From neonatal intensive care for my grandson, born 2 ½ months early, through hospice care for my father, who died surrounded by family when he was well into his 80’s, I am passionate about the difference that outstanding health care leadership can make in the experience of all patients and their family members.”

“When I met President Jan Bellack, External Relations Director Christopher Hartley, and other senior administrators and faculty at the Institute, I knew I had found my niche.”

Hormann hit the ground running since arriving in July 2008. She has expanded outreach to the school’s 3,000 alumni and to all other friends who support its mission, including personal visits in which she has had the opportunity to explain how the Institute continues to advance health care quality and access through the leadership provided by its graduates.

Hormann has more than 25 years experience in the field of Advancement Services, primarily in development, with responsibility for marketing, communications, and alumni relations at various times during her career.

She has an undergraduate degree in psychology from Whitman College in Washington State and an MBA from Bentley College.

Ann Marie (Fricano) McCabe ’98 is doing psychiatric/behavioral health consultations for nursing home elders, and is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Rhode Island School of Nursing.

“After finishing up my NHSC service commitment in Lake City, Florida, I had two wonderful children,” reports Tammy McCarty ’03. “I am now working as an ARNP for Lee Physician Group Associates in Fort Myers.”

“I’ve been with Brown and Toland Physicians for 3 ½ years as their HIV clinical specialist,” writes Grace Moore ’00. “A majority of my work consists of medical case management, including working with patients to increase their self-management skills. I also work with physicians in developing and disseminating best practices and clinical guidelines.”

Amy Potter ’06 was a presenter at the 2007 and 2008 Connective Tissue Oncology Society Annual meetings in Seattle and London, respectively.

Marcelo Sampang ’07 has been working as a primary care NP in a practice for people with severe disabilities such as spinal cord injury, cerebral palsy, muscular atrophy, and intellectual disability.

Mary Bevis Shupe ’99 has been married since 2000 and has two children, seven-year-old Gabriel and five-year-old Emily.

Michelle Stanzler ’97 recently completed three years as a nurse practitioner at Hillsborough County Department of Corrections in Manchester, NH.

Pauline Wilder ’89 was certified in Holistic Nursing. She completed Maine Medical Center’s clinical scholar program, and is a member of a pain improvement project at Penbay Healthcare. She works on assisted living floors in a retirement community to promote wellness in adults, and volunteers as a Reiki practitioner for her local high school and the retirement community.

“It was so fun to read updates on Susan Flexer Roy and Kathy Simmonds [in the last issue of The Graduate] that I wanted to share a little update from me!” writes Sarah Williams ’03. After graduation, she worked four years at the Howard Brown Health Center in Chicago Ill., providing primary and HIV/AIDS care to an underserved community. After marrying last June, she started a part-time job at Planned Parenthood and is completing a FNP certificate program at Loyola University. “During my time in Chicago I have also been a clinical preceptor to students from the nurse practitioner programs at Loyola University and Vanderbilt University.”

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Diane Foley: Engineering a New Degree

Diane Foley's undergraduate degree was in electrical engineering, but it was her continued interest in health care that brought her to the MGH Institute.

ALUMNI PROFILE

Foley was one of 13 students who completed their coursework in the Graduate Program in Medical Imaging, and already has launched her new career working in the emergency room at Massachusetts General Hospital.

“I was always fascinated by medicine and health care, but I was strong in math and science so I went into engineering in college,” said the Quincy mother of three, “so going to school to become a radiologic technician at the Institute was a good match with my technical background and my interest in health care. Plus there’s no way I could work part-time as an engineer.”

It was the program’s 17-month time period that initially attracted Foley to apply.

“I also liked the flexibility of taking the academic courses on-line and the clinical placement,” Foley said, referring to the program’s unique schedule in which students come to campus for three short periods to do their required clinical rotations while doing all their academic work via the Internet. “I could spend time with my kids and then get online to do my coursework.”

She and her classmates are part of the fourth class to complete the program.

Neeta Beepath to run Annual Fund

After spending several years working at healthcare organizations that assist patients, Neeta Beepath decided she wanted to help the people who do the caregiving - students.

Beepath joined the Office of External Relations this Spring as Annual Fund Manager, where she will focus her energies to foster lifelong relationships between the Institute and its alumni and other donors.

“My work, as well as my personal experiences, have given me a profound admiration for everyone in the healthcare field,” she says. “I am honored to be part of the Institute and have the chance to advance its important mission. The talent and skills of our student body is by far our greatest asset and I am dedicated to ensuring the MGH Institute is a place that nurtures the best and brightest healthcare professionals for years to come.”

She brings 10 years of development experience from her time at Children’s Hospital Boston and Perkins School for the Blind, where she had the opportunity to work with outstanding healthcare professionals.

Beepath is a 2003 graduate of Bentley College, where she majored in business management and received a minor in international business.

STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR FELLOW ALUMNI

The Institute now has a presence on both the Facebook and LinkedIn social networking sites, and we encourage all alumni to use these sites to stay connected to your classmates and other Institute colleagues.
THE GRADUATE

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having it on October 29 will be a way
to kick off the 2009-10 academic year
in grand style. All monies will go to
the President’s Scholarship Fund.

Ari Buchler, senior vice president,
general counsel and secretary of Phase
Forward, Inc., and Elizabeth “Trish”
Joyce, are this year’s co-chairpersons.
The honorary chairpersons are Dr.
Charles A. and Ann Sanders, and
Julian F. Haynes.

Gala sponsorships are available to
corporations and individuals at the
$25,000, $15,000, $10,000 and $5,000
levels, with specific benefits attached
to each level. Individual tickets are
available at $300 per person. For more
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(617) 643-3298, khormann@mghihp.
.edu, or go to www.mghihp.edu/gala.

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Dr. Elizabeth Nuzzi ’06 was a staff physical
therapist at Brigham and Women’s Hospital
Inpatient Service from November 2006 until
last December, during which time she wrote
The Total Knee Arthroplasty Standard of Care.
She began her new position at Brooksby
Village in January. She has obtained
Advanced Burn Life Support certification
from the American Burn Association, and
obtained APTA credentialed Clinical Instruc-
tor certification.

Kara (Donovan) Ruddy ’02 was married in
September, 2007 and had twin girls, Caitlin
and Haley, last June.

Caroline D. Taylor ’93 continues to work in
her private practice in Oakland, Calif, where it
now boasts four PT’s who serve people with
a variety of orthopedic problems and of all
ages. She was co-author of a chapter entitled
“Peripheral Nerve Injuries in Pathology and
Intervention in Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation.”

Dr. Yen L. Tran ’04 achieved Orthopedic
Clinical Specialist certification in March 2008.

Search for: MGH Institute of Health Professions Alumni Association
For Julie Chan, two networks were better than one when it came to the January 20 inauguration of President Barack H. Obama. Chan, who is slated to graduate from the Masters of Science in Nursing program in 2010, was watching CNN on her laptop in Room 305 of the Shouse Building while two large projection screens broadcast the MSNBC feed to a standing-room-only crowd.

“It’s very exciting,” said Chan, who arrived early to get her seat. Hundreds of students, faculty, and staff gathered across the campus to witness the historic inauguration of the country’s first African-American president.

Several classes were rescheduled to allow students the opportunity to view the historic event. Many stood along the room’s walls and others sat on the floor, watching the start of the country’s 44th president’s first term in office.