President's Perspective

While 2020 created the biggest challenges of our lifetimes, President Milone-Nuzzo found the resilience of the IHP community and the health care community as a whole gives her optimism for 2021.

IHP Receives 10-Year Accreditation

The New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) officially has granted the MGH Institute “Continued in Accreditation” status for the next 10 years, until 2030. In a letter from NECHE, the accrediting organization documents many areas of great accomplishment as well as areas for growth and improvement. “We look forward to working on these growth areas, as well as taking advantage of new opportunities, in the coming years. Our learning is continuous, and the possibilities for the Institute are boundless,” said President Paula Milone-Nuzzo.

New Advisory Council to Bolster MGH Institute

The President’s Council will serve as a bridge between the President, Board of Trustees, the IHP community, and the general public to help advance the school’s story and strengthen involvement in the communities it serves. Peter Brown is its first chairperson.

IHP Faculty Among First to Get Pfizer Vaccine

Josh Merson (left), Rita Olans, and Deb Kelly had no hesitation receiving their shot to continue treating COVID-19 patients and letting people know they trust the science.

The Coronavirus Vaccine: Firsthand Experiences From Its Trials

As approvals for COVID-19 vaccines near, first-year NP student Kyle Fletcher (left) and Term Lecturer Karen Flaherty discuss their participation in vaccine trials with Moderna and Pfizer, respectively.

Doctor of Speech-Language Pathology Program Launches

The IHP has launched New England’s first clinical Doctor of Speech-Language Pathology program. The post-professional program, which is primarily online, is designed for working speech-language pathologists. Dr. Bridget Perry, PhD ’18, CCC-SLP, is the program manager.
Researchers Continue Intervention Work at Harvard-Kent School

The IHP’s SAiL Lab has added new elements to help assist students who need language and literacy help, as part of the Raising Educational Achievement in Charlestown (REACH) grant from accounting firm RSM.

Harvard-Kent Students Get Gift Cards for Holidays, Courtesy of the Institute

The School of Nursing’s Upsilon Lambda chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society raised $8,000, enough to provide each of the 397 students at Harvard-Kent Elementary School with a $20 Walmart gift card.

Study Breaks a Virtual Success

In November and December, the Bellack Library and the Office of Student and Alumni Services held the second fully virtual Study Breaks to great success. Students attended an Alexander Technique Workshop for mindfulness hosted by student Sarah Eastman (MS-SLP ’22), participated in Secret Study Buddies, relaxed with the Take a Break Padlet, and found study tips, encouraging mantras, and more on the Study Breaks online guide. Students who would like to share their feedback on the event can take the Study Breaks Survey and be entered into a drawing for a $10 Amazon gift card.

Holiday Party Raises Money for Student COVID-19 Emergency Fund

At the 2020 Faculty and Staff virtual Holiday Party, the IHP community raised more than $8,300 that will help support the IHP Student COVID-19 Emergency Fund.

Truong Appointed to National Task Force, Reappointed to State Board

Dr. Kimberly Truong, executive director for justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion, is among the first members of the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education’s Task Force for Creating a Framework for Advancing Anti-Racism Strategy on Campus. In addition, she has been reappointed to a three-year term on the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services Self-Determination Advisory Board.

SLP Alum Helps Pupils Communicate

Laurie Dionisio, CSD ’04, (right), a speech-language pathologist at Potter Elementary School in Dartmouth, MA, helped teacher Tricia Weaver receive a grant to create and install an inclusive preschool playground communication board that allows children that are nonverbal to be able to
communicate their needs and wants with their peers and adults using simple pictures with which they are familiar.

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**Faculty News**

**Peter S. Cahn, PhD**, associate provost for academic affairs, wrote an article that was in 2020’s Top 5 most read and cited articles published in the *Journal of Interprofessional Care. How Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Can Help Dismantle Systemic Racism* outlines how scholars and practitioners may create the momentum for advancing the structural change needed to effect permanent improvements in health and health care by leveraging collaboration across the health professions to address systemic racism.

**Allison Cirino, MS, CGC**, an associate professor of genetic counseling and director of student research, participated in a Facebook Live event for the SADS Foundation (Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes) about the importance of family history for National Family Health History Month in November.

**Amanda Mack, OTD, MS, OTR/L**, an instructor of occupational therapy, spoke with students during the Biomedical Science Careers Program’s biennial Student Conference, a mentoring event for students in Harvard Medical School’s graduate education program who are interested in pursuing a career in occupational therapy or physical therapy.

**Janice Palaganas, PhD, RN, NP, ANEF, FNAP, FAAN, FSSH**, associate director of Health Professions Education, was among several health care simulation experts interviewed on Simterviews, a podcast from HealthySimulation.com, about the pandemic response. She also was interviewed separately in an earlier episode when she spoke of her work at the IHP.

**Eleonor Pusey-Reid, DNP, RN, MS, MEd, CCRN**, an assistant professor of nursing, was appointed to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Group at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

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**IHP Scholarship & Research**

*Publications are listed first in each section, followed by posters and presentations.*

**Communication Sciences & Disorders**


**Interprofessional Education and Practice**

**Nicholas, P. K., Breakey, S., McKinnon, S., Eddy, E. Z., Fanuele, J., & Starodub, R. (2020).**
Genetic Counseling


Occupational Therapy


Physical Therapy

Baldwin, J., Perron, A., & Madigan, J. (2020, November). Telehealth: The role of telehealth in the future of our profession. 2020 Virtual Regional Annual Conference hosted by APTA CT, MA, NH, RI.


Health Professions Education


Student News

A Plunge a Day for a Good Cause

Sammy Davis, OTD ’23, vowed to take a daily polar plunge for the first 24 days of December to raise funds for the Travis Roy Foundation. Roy, who in 1995 was paralyzed 10 seconds into his first shift on the Boston University men’s hockey team, passed away in October. Davis, who played on the women’s hockey team at BU, is on the Boston Pride in the National Women’s Hockey League.

Student, Alum Receive Awards from Mass. PT Association

Ramiro Escalera, DPT ’21 (left), is the 2020 recipient of the Ruth P. Hall Clinical Fellowship Award from the Massachusetts chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association, the highest honor bestowed to one PT student each year in the state. In addition, Dr. Julie Shulman, a 2020 graduate of the PhD in Rehabilitation Sciences program, received the Clinical Research Award from the organization.

Briana Named to ANHE Student Nurse Committee

Talya Briana, MSN ’22, was one of just eight pre-licensure nursing students in the country named to the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments (ANHE) Student Nurse Committee. She helped create ANHE’s Mindless Composting Guide: Reduce, Reuse, Compost, which highlights how people can make the most of their food waste. She also was interviewed in a recent ANHE podcast.

Mental Health Club Showcases Self-Care and Mental Health Resources on Campus and Beyond

On December 1, the Mental Health Club hosted the event “Self-Care and Mental Health Resources at the IHP and Beyond” in collaboration with the Department of Faculty and Student Success, the Department of Accessibility Resources, and OSAS. During the event, students had the opportunity to engage in an event completely dedicated to self-care and mental health resource exploration. Rounds of desk and eye yoga were highlights of the event. View self-care and mental health resources.

Cohorts and Student Organizations Spread Good Cheer as Fall Semester Ends
This November and December, three cohorts held end-of-semester celebrations to mark another successful Fall semester. PA ’22 created goody bags that were passed out during their final days on campus, PT ’22 held a rousing game night filled with inside jokes and prizes galore, and PT ’23 hosted a go-on-your-own scavenger hunt around Boston.

New Employees

Callie Watkins Liu  
Associate Director - IHP ACE  
Office of Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Suzan Kardong-Edgren  
Associate Professor  
Health Professions Education

Enhanced Communications Ticket System and Events Calendar

The Office of Strategic Communications recently enhanced its ticket system and events calendar to help the Institute community better share its news and events. To share story ideas like awards won, community activities, presentations, or publications, fill out a News Tip Ticket. To submit a news item or event for the IHP Daily News, fill out an IHP Daily News Submission Ticket. A listing of the Strategic Communications Tickets and a link to the Events Calendar can both be found in the top right utility menu on the website.

Virtual Library Support

The Janis P. Bellack Library and Study Commons may be closed, but librarians are still available to provide you with research and assignment support. Send us your questions or book an online research consultation. We are also offering no-contact pickup for physical library materials. Visit our website for all of the details and to request materials. Additionally, more e-textbooks have recently been added to the e-course reserves.

Shop and Support the IHP

Support the IHP all year long by shopping with AmazonSmile. Just sign in to your Amazon or Amazon Prime account and the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.05% of the proceeds from your qualifying purchases to the IHP. Contact Christopher Bjork in the Office of Development for more information.

Emergency Notification System

With winter here, students, faculty, and staff should register to be included in the Emergency Notification System used to communicate information during emergency situations, including weather closings. In addition to the email notifications, you can also receive messages via a landline, cell phone, texts, and/or an alternative email address. To add or update your preferences, logon to iOnline (password required) and select the “Address Change” option. Contact the IHP Help Desk with any questions.

Calendar

1/7: Research and Scholarship Day  
1/8: Official Graduation Date for Jan. 2021 graduates  
1/10: Last day to drop a class with a withdrawal “W” grade – Winter 2021  
1/11: Mini-Workshop Series: Zoom Settings in D2L, Noon–12:30 p.m.  
1/12: Mini-Workshop Series: Zoom Polls and Non-verbal Communications, Noon–12:30 p.m.  
1/13-1/15: New Student Orientation  
1/13: Mini-Workshop Series: Zoom Breakout Rooms, Noon–12:30 p.m.  
1/13: Power, Privilege, and Positionality, 2:00–3:00 p.m.  
1/14: Mini-Workshop Series: Managing

Submissions, Feedback, Etc.
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Please submit suggestions or comments about any issue at the IHP to President Milone-Nuzzo’s online suggestion box, Institute Input.

Recordings in Zoom, Noon–12:30 p.m.
1/15: Mini-Workshop Series: Whiteboards and Annotations, Noon–12:30 p.m.
1/15: Last day of Winter Term – Winter 2021
1/18: Martin Luther King Day – Offices Closed
1/19: First day of classes – Spring 2021
1/19: Ann W. Caldwell President’s Lecture: Interprofessional Rounds
1/25: Registration/Add deadline – Spring 2021
1/29: Navigating PWI’s in Health Care (BIPOC Health Care Student Space), 6:00 p.m.

View more events on the Institute’s Calendar.