HSPH Earth Week wraps up Friday

**Take the Stairs Celebration**
April 27
12:00-2:00 PM
Sebastian's Café
All climbers are welcome for refreshments and a raffle. Those who reached the top can pick up their prize. (Harvard ID required for prize pickup. If picking up for a teammate, bring their id or a photocopy.)

**Handprints: A New Way to Measure Positive Environmental Impacts**
A presentation by Gregory Norris, HSPH adjunct lecturer
April 27
2:00-3:00 PM
Kresge G3

Around the School

**Next week: HSPH Town Hall**
May 1
3:00-4:00 PM
Kresge Cafeteria
Hear updates regarding the School's financial picture, the upcoming University-wide capital campaign, the new HSPH branding initiative, outcomes from the School Innovation Project, and the HR Pulse Survey. Submit questions anonymously in advance online or bring them to the session.

**Student-Alumnae Leadership Breakfast**

Event highlights

**Armen H. Tashjian, Jr. Award for Excellence in Endocrine Research Presentation and Lecture**
Award recipient: Chih-Hao Lee, associate professor of genetics
May 1
4:00-5:00 PM
Kresge G2
reception to follow

Staff members' kids shine in Nutrition Dept. video

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On April 14, 50 alumnae and 50 students gathered to discuss the role of women in leadership positions in public health. The keynote speaker for the event was Victoria Reggie Kennedy, a lawyer and widow of Senator Edward M. Kennedy. The event was sponsored by the Office of Alumni Affairs and the Women in Leadership (WIL) student organization at HSPH.

**HSPH students propose cost-saving public health reforms to Massachusetts legislators as part of inaugural Spring Challenge**

This spring, an innovative new program at HSPH gave students the opportunity to meet with the people grappling with health care reform in Massachusetts and to contribute their own ideas to the conversation.

Members of the winning team at the State House.

**Raul Ruiz, MPH '07, launches Congressional campaign**

Now a physician working in the Coachella Valley in California, Ruiz earned an MPH from HSPH in 2007, a medical degree from Harvard Medical School in 2001, and a master's of public policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government also in 2001. Read an interview with Ruiz from his time at HSPH.

**Prof. Marvin Zelen honored**

HSPH Prof. Marvin Zelen was selected as the inaugural winner of the Karl E. Peace Award, established by the American Statistical Association to recognize "Outstanding statistical contributions for the betterment of society." Zelen will be honored at this year's Joint Statistical Meetings, held in San Diego from July 28-August 2.

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**Research news and interviews**

- YMCA/HSPH initiative in afterschool programs increases physical activity levels in youth (HSPH feature)
- HSPH researchers assess effect on health of proposed fare hikes in Boston area (HSPH feature)
- Study shows school-based life skills tobacco control program can lower smoking rates in youth (HSPH feature)