In January, we co-hosted the **Us vs. HPV webinar week** for the fourth year in a row, along with the American Medical Women’s Association (AMWA) and Indiana University National Center of Excellence. As in previous years, we were honored to have several national and international experts present at the event. We had nearly 500 registrants, the highest so far. Our speakers discussed HPV vaccination, the documentary, Conquering Cancer, and the WHO’s Cervical Cancer Elimination campaign.

In late summer of this year, the GIAHC Young Leaders program introduced the GIAHC Young Leaders Grant, a small monetary award for students, researchers, advocates, or community activists interested in raising awareness about cervical cancer prevention. This year’s grant recipient, Sereena Jivraj, is an MS3 at the Burnett School of Medicine at Texas Christian University. Her project evaluates the role of socioeconomic factors, gender, and race on human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination rates in North Texas. Her research aims to determine key reasons for discrepancies between the state and national HPV vaccination rates to increase rates of HPV vaccination and decrease the incidence of cervical cancer in at-risk populations in Texas.

**SUPPORTERS:**
- American Cancer Society (ACS)
- Basic Health International (BHI)
- Clinton Health Access Initiative
- Conquering Cancer Campaign
- Duke University- Global Women’s Health Technologies
- Grounds For Health (GFR)
- HPV Cancers Alliance
- Indiana Commission for Women
- International Papillomavirus Society (IPVS)
- Jhpiego
- Marie Stopes International (MSI)
- PATH
- TogetHER
- Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)
- World Health Organization (WHO)

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The GIAHC Young Leaders (GYL) program also participated in a fundraising project in partnership with HerHealthEQ. The funds were raised during a water race on August 6, in Brookhaven, New York, to match towards donating colposcopes to a community-based healthcare clinic in Costa Rica, a low/middle income country with a high burden of cervical cancer. Local healthcare providers were trained to use the device by HerHealthEQ with an appropriate referral process for those women who might need further evaluation and treatment.

GIAHC's donation was made in honor of Michele Baldwin, “Lady Ganga” (MBLMF), who after being diagnosed with late-stage cervical cancer and being told that she had only a few months to live, embarked on a paddle-board trip down the Ganges River in India in order to raise awareness about cervical cancer screening and prevention. Her powerful story inspired the Young Leaders at GIAHC to continue her mission of raising awareness and increasing cervical cancer screening accessibility globally.

In September, we teamed up with AMWA to present What Every Future Provider Should Know About HPV & Cervical Cancer Prevention: a virtual presentation for pre-health undergraduate, graduate, & professional school students. During the presentation, we discussed the human papillomavirus, risk factors for cervical cancer, cervical cancer presentation and prevention, and how to become a Cervical Cancer Prevention Champion with the GIAHC Young Leaders.
As we continue to rebound from the pandemic, we have seen more cases of advanced stage cervical cancer with the greatest prevalence in under-resourced and minoritized communities. The good news is that cervical cancer is preventable with the HPV vaccine and early screening practices based on WHO guidelines. We are excited for our upcoming webinar series to promote existing and new community efforts for prevention of all HPV-related cancers.

The 2023 Us vs. HPV Prevention week will take place from January 23-27. The week long webinar series will cover HPV-related cancers including cervical, head, and anal. On Friday, our Young Leaders will feature creative innovations in tackling HPV. It is bound to be another very informative and impactful week with several international experts in the field participating. Registration to the event is free.

2022 HPV AND CERVICAL CANCER CHAMPION AWARD

The 2022 Award was presented to Lori Horhor. In May of 2020, Lori Horhor graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, where she studied Medical Biology and Physiology and minored in music. Some of her passions include music, medicine, and serving underserved communities. She loves to work with children and tutor underprivileged students through School on Wheels, Inc. She is also heavily involved with the Hidden Road Initiative, a nonprofit organization that works to improve access to education to low-income students living in the rural villages of Armenia. She was a research assistant for the Kristin Scott Laboratory in Berkeley’s Molecular and Cell Biology Department, studying gustatory circuitry in Drosophila melanogaster. She works as a medical assistant and scribe at Bloom Obstetrics and Gynecology, Inc, where she has witnessed how misinformation can prevent patients from taking the easy, but necessary, steps to protecting themselves from cervical cancer. She was first introduced to GIAHC through the American Medical Women’s Association, where she has served as a leader both locally and nationally for four years. She is ecstatic to explore ways in which music and the arts can be utilized to help spread awareness about HPV and cervical cancer.

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In 2022 the GYLs have been busy with initiatives, collaborations, and outreach events!

- **January:** our Committee Leaders presented during the Friday session of Us vs HPV Week Webinars: "Champions of HPV and Cervical Cancer Awareness: You, the Media, Educational Campaigns, and Young Leaders"

- **February:** Continuing Rachel Anderson’s Project: “Assessing the Effects of Extracurricular HPV and Cervical Cancer Education Sessions on Awareness, Interest, and Knowledge Acquisition Among Undergraduate and Graduate Students Pursuing Healthcare Professions”

- **March:** Expanding our efforts in mentorship, policy advocacy, public health efforts, and toolkit/workshop on how to effectively overcome vaccine hesitancy

- **April:** World Immunization Week social media campaign

- **May:** Welcomed new committee leaders

- **June:** Launched the 2022 GIAHC Young Leaders Grant

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- **July:** Launched our Cervical Cancer Screening fundraiser in partnership with HerHealthEQ to provide colposcopes to a healthcare clinic in Costa Rica

- **August:** National Immunization Awareness Month social media campaign

- **September:** National Gynecologic Cancer Month social media campaign

- **October:** GIAHC became a proud member of UICC

- **November:** GIAHC took action by taking part in Cervical Cancer Elimination Day of Action on social media

**December:** Preparing for 2023 US. vs HPV Prevention Week