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Movember Men's Health Month

The University of Hawai‘i at Kakaako Campus Movember teams raised a total of more than $1,300 for men’s health issues. The team members were from the University of Hawai‘i Cancer Center and the John A. Burns School of Medicine.

"The Cancer Center has taken an active role in the Movember cause to improve men’s health and fight prostate and testicular cancer for the last several years. It has been a great pleasure to captain our team once again and to join in the fun for a serious cause," said Dr. Joe Ramos, PhD, a professor and the director of the Cancer Biology Program at the UH Cancer Center.

Participants raised funds in support of The Movember Foundation, the leading global organization committed to changing the face of men’s health. The foundation challenges men to grow moustaches during the month of November to spark conversations and raise funds for prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health problems.

"This past month I received many comments about my mustache that were both good and bad, and questions about why I decided to grow it out. I enjoyed talking with people about the Movember movement, many of whom had a family member affected by prostate cancer. As future healthcare providers, we will be educating our patients about such issues as prostate cancer and Movember is a fun way to get the
word out,” said Harry Wynn-Williams, a second year medical student at JABSOM.

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Prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer among all men in Hawai‘i. There are about 800 men diagnosed with the disease in the state each year according to Hawai‘i Cancer Facts and Figures. "The enthusiasm our Cancer Center team members and donors bring to Movember and our common goal to eliminate the burden of cancer in Hawai‘i always amazes me. It is great working with such wonderful and committed colleagues to prevent and beat cancer among our ohana here on the islands," said Dr. Ramos.

The University of Hawai‘i Cancer Center is one of 69 research institutions designated by the National Cancer Institute. Affiliated with the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, the center is dedicated to eliminating cancer through research, education, and improved patient care. Learn more at [www.uhcancercenter.org](http://www.uhcancercenter.org). Like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/UHCancerCenter](http://www.facebook.com/UHCancerCenter). Follow us on [Twitter @UHCancerCenter](http://Twitter @UHCancerCenter).