

Ann L. Lee

(b. June 1, 1961)

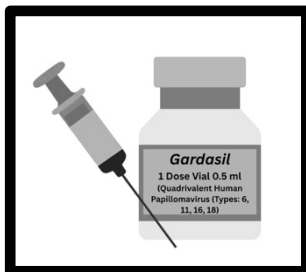
Chemical Engineer

Chinese American

Place of Birth:

Bethlehem,
Pennsylvania

Invention: First
Generation Gardasil®
Human Papillomavirus
Vaccine



Reina Howell (SFSU 2024)

Ann grew up with five sisters and parents who loved math and science. Her father worked with airplanes at NASA, and her mother studied numbers. Growing up she played basketball, volleyball, and piano, and went to Chinese school on the weekends. A high school teacher inspired her love for biology. Ann invented vaccines like Gardasil® to prevent women ages 9-26 from getting cervical cancer and genital warts. She won the Industrial Biotechnology Award in 2006 and the Genentech Women's Professional Leadership Excellence Award in 2012. Ann mentors children, especially girls, to learn science and believes everyone is special in their own way.