

October Achievements Faculty, Staff and Students. CONGRATULATIONS and WELL DONE!

Congratulations **Dr. Sherry Ni!** Her project with Myers and Stauffer was renewed for a fourth year, now ending in December 2025. The research project allows Dr Ni to provide sampling validation for auditing various healthcare systems, with a minimum yearly contract amount of \$12,500, adjustable based on the number of projects she supports.

Please join in congratulating **Dr. Gene Ray** who received \$48,000 in funding from the National Cancer Institute of Kenya for a project examining the link between treatment costs and oncology patient outcomes. The project runs for one year, 2024 to 2025.

Congratulations to **Taeyeong Choi, PhD** for his award from SARE. The project title: MoCoBot: Developing a Low-Cost Night-time Mollusk Control Robot for Strawberry Growers. The project will development a **Mol**lusk **Control roBot**, so-called **MoCoBot**, that can autonomously navigate strawberry fields, detect mollusks, and physically remove them from the ground and plants in a safe manner, especially during nighttime hours. It is a two-year grant in the amount of \$20,000.



Congratulations Liang Zhao, Ph.D for his award by NIH AIM-AHEAD program. The Aim-Ahead program seeks to increase the participation and representation of the researchers and communities that are currently underrepresented in AI/ML modeling and applications through mutually beneficial partnerships. It is for one year with funding of \$51,747. The project title is: Unpacking Rural Disparities in Obesity through AI-enabled Social Determinants of Health Analysis.

