

## From the Dean

The University of Kansas hosted the inaugural University Teaching Awards on Nov. 7, 2023, to celebrate our most outstanding educators. Video from the event is [available online](#) and includes brief clips from each honoree. **Jeff Radel, Ph.D.**, recipient of the Chancellors Club Teaching Professorship, speaks about his long and successful career and his approach to teaching. **Stephen Jernigan, Ph.D.**, recipient of the Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award, shares how his focus on what is most important in teaching has shifted over time. Congratulations.

The Department of Health Information Management was awarded accreditation for its new minor in digital health by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education. Granted through the commission's digital health professional certificate program accreditation, it covers the maximum seven-year term. Thank you to department chair **Rosann McLean, DHSc**, and her program for their efforts and congratulations.

Rehabilitation science doctoral student **Derong Yong** received a travel grant from the Bridge2AI-Voice consortium to attend the Voice AI Symposium–Voice as a Biomarker of Health last spring. He participated as a sponsored trainee at the event held on April 19, 2023, in Washington, DC. His mentor is **Wen Liu, Ph.D.** Well done.

The Sensory Enhanced Aquatics 2nd annual swim-a-thon fundraiser held in August was a tremendous success. An impressive \$14,466 was raised through donations, silent auction and apparel sales, which will go a long way in furthering its mission that all children learn to swim. Special thanks to **Kayla Hamner**, program manager, whose dedication and hard work were instrumental in coordinating this successful event. [An article from KU Medical Center news](#) covered the event and the program's achievements. Great work.

Please be safe and thank you for all that you do.

