



## FEATURED JH AITC GRANT YEAR 1 AWARDEE:

Virtual Apprentice (VA), a women-owned VR content development company, has developed a prototype platform, ReTreatVR™, designed to provide senior-friendly immersive experiences to support positive aging. Prototype experiences are designed to create happy memories, re-engage with the world, and enhance social interactions that can be shared and discussed with others. The significance of this JH-AITC pilot project, ReTreatVR™ is that it uniquely examines the impact of using VR technology with content specifically designed for older adults to mitigate the effects of social isolation, thereby advancing future senior-focused applications. Social Isolation and lack of cognitive stimulation are chronic problems for the senior population, impacting their quality of life. Virtual Reality (VR) enables older users to feel part of a simulated 360 immersive environment creating a sense of presence that cannot be obtained by watching TV or movies.

## JH AITC GRANT YEAR 1 AWARDEE WINS PITCH DECK COMPETITION AT NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

From the Visilant Team: Visilant would like to thank the entire a2 Collective team for organizing such a terrific symposium. We were honored to learn from and share the stage with groups that are similarly passionate about driving innovation in AI and aging. The opportunity to connect and converse with fellow a2 Pilot Awardees, funders, and key stakeholders in the healthy aging space was invaluable. We're excited to leverage our new connections and insights to further our mission to enable equitable access to eye care through telemedicine and artificial intelligence. We are grateful to the Johns Hopkins AITC for the opportunity to present our work and for their continued support.

## UPCOMING WEBINARS

**Dr. Jeremy Walston—**  
**Addressing Health Span**  
January 2023

**Dr. Rama Chellappa—**  
**Design of Adaptive**  
**Fair and Robust AI Systems**  
February 21, 2023

**Dr. Phil Phan,**  
**Carey Business School—**  
**JH AITC:**  
**Purpose, Approach, Impact**  
March 10, 2023



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**JH AITC hosts 1st Annual**  
**a2 National Symposium**  
March 8

