

## STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Welcome all,

Congratulations once again to our recent Spring graduates and newest SDS alumni! **As we look ahead to Fall 2025**, we're excited to welcome both new and returning students. Be sure to **regularly check the "Upcoming Events"** link on our website. This fall, we'll offer a variety of welcome events, professional seminars, alumni panels, and networking opportunities. Don't miss your chance to connect and get involved!

If you haven't had your **advising session** yet, please contact **Deanna Rella (undergraduates)** or **Carly Mahedy (graduate students)**. New undergraduates have already enjoyed several welcome events, and the summer **New Student Orientation** schedule is now available on the university website.

For HIA or DSBA students still seeking a summer internship, we have shared some late postings via email and a few more at the bottom of this newsletter. You can still register if you have an approved proposal submitted by **no later than June 23rd**, before the start of the Second Summer Session. Information about the process and proposal can be found on your respective program websites:

**[DSBA Internship](#) / [HIA Internship](#)**

Lastly, here's a call for **SDS Alumni: Present at Our Fall Seminar Series**. We're currently planning the Fall SDS Professional Seminar Series, and we'd love to feature our alumni as speakers! Seminars are scheduled for **Tuesdays at 4:00 PM** at the Dubois Center in Uptown Charlotte. This is an excellent opportunity to share your expertise, showcase your work, and connect with current undergraduate and graduate students. **Interested in presenting?** Contact **Josh Hertel** at **[jhertel@charlotte.edu](mailto:jhertel@charlotte.edu)**. We'd love to hear from you!

Possible topics include:

- **A Day in the Life:** Give students a look inside your role and company culture.
- **Tools of the Trade:** Demo BI, ML, NLP, or other key tools and platforms.
- **Issues in Data Science:** Explore real-world challenges, ethics, or case studies.
- **Career Insights:** Share tips on job searching, resumes, interviewing, and

networking.

Warm wishes to all,

**Josh Hertel**

Director, School of Data Science

P.S. Graduates - We need your data! The [Next Destination Survey](#) is open for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 grads. Please take a few minutes to share your plans. **Bonus:** You could win an Amazon gift card! 😊



*Share your SDS story! Have an event, community meet-up, Data competition, job posting, or story idea for the SDS community? Please send your submissions to [Lindsay Lennon](#), SDS Communications and Events Manager.*

## Program Updates AND CAMPUS NEWS

**Student Spotlights:  
Class of 2025!**

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



## Treasure Smith

Graduating Class of 2025  
B.S. in Data Science  
Hometown: Indian Trail, NC



## Jahnavi Patnala

Graduating Class of 2025  
M.S. in Data Science  
and Business Analytics  
Hometown: Vizag, India



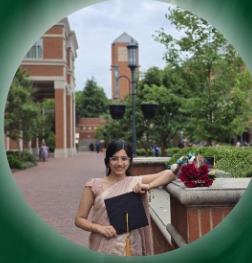
## Emilia Olivera

Graduating Class of 2025  
B.S. in Data Science  
Hometown: Concord, NC



## Yash Pradhan

Graduating Class of 2025  
M.S. in Data Science and  
Business Analytics  
Hometown: Mumbai, India



## Hiranya Vaishnavi Bandi

Graduating Class of 2025  
M.S. in Data Science and  
Business Analytics  
Hometown: Hyderabad, India

Join us in celebrating the School of Data Science Class of 2025!  
Explore the inspiring journeys and accomplishments of our newest graduates!

[Read Graduate Spotlights Here!](#)

## Important DATES

Find the full [SDS Calendar of Events](#) on the SDS website.

- **July 1:** Last day to apply for Summer graduation
- **July 2 - 5:** No Classes
- **July 4:** July 4th Holiday – University Closed

- **July 8:** Last Day to change Grade Type (P/NC or Audit)
- **July 8:** Last day to withdraw from course (s) and Last day to Change or Opt-Out of Grade Replacement for Full Term
- **July 11:** Census Date
- **August 6:** Last Day of Classes
- **August 7 - 8:** Final Examinations
- **August 9:** Summer Commencement
- **August 22:** Data Science Kick Off Event

# Mark Your CALENDAR

## Fall 2025 Graduate Student Orientation Events:

Find the full [SDS Calendar of Events](#) on the program website.

### New Graduate Student Virtual Orientation: Friday, August 14th, 2025 | 4:00–6:00 PM

Join us for a convenient virtual orientation and welcome session designed to give you the information you need—quickly and efficiently. After a **welcome message from the Graduate School Deans**, you'll attend **breakout sessions** highlighting services.

### New Doctoral Student Orientation: Friday, August 15, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM | Harris Alumni Center

Welcome, new doctoral candidates! Enjoy a relaxed and informative morning **with fellow students and Graduate School staff**. You'll get an overview of what to expect in the coming months, become familiar with key resources, and start building your doctoral community.

### New Graduate Student Welcome Reception: Saturday, August 16, 2025 | 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM | Hauser Alumni Pavilion

Celebrate the start of your graduate journey at our Welcome Reception! This free event offers a chance to meet **fellow grad students**, connect with **Graduate School and campus staff**, and explore the many resources available to you. Enjoy food,

drinks, music, giveaways, and great company.

## HIMSS Annual Conference: October 13–14, 2025, NCSU McKimmon Center

Join healthcare IT professionals, leaders, and innovators from across the region for insightful sessions, networking opportunities, and industry updates. Explore new technologies, share best practices, and connect with peers.



Early registration is available until August 16, 2025.

The North Carolina Chapter of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (NC HIMSS) is dedicated to improving healthcare for North Carolinians through the power of information and technology.

[Register Now](#)

## From the UNC Charlotte Career Center: Summer Workshops – Career Meet Up Series

- Using AI in Your Job Search: Thursday, June 5, 2025, 12:00 - 12:45 pm, Zoom Session
- Preparing for a Virtual Interview: Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 12:00 - 12:45 pm, Zoom Session
- Behavioral Interviewing: Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 11:00 - 11:45 am, Zoom Session
- How to Connect with Charlotte Alumni on LinkedIn: Wednesday, July 9, 2025, 2:00 - 2:45 pm, Zoom Session

[Check Full Calendar of Workshops](#)

## From the Reynolds Center for Graduate Life and Learning:



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**CENTER FOR GRADUATE LIFE & LEARNING**

- New Graduate Housing at UNC Charlotte – Only \$799/Month: UNC Charlotte graduate students now have a new housing option at The Edge, offering furnished apartments for just \$799 monthly, with all utilities included. This exclusive graduate housing community features a 24-hour fitness center, resort-style pool, and an academic success center—everything you need to live comfortably and focus on your studies.

- **Funding Opportunities – Apply Today!** The CGLL is recruiting grad students from all disciplines to participate in a cutting-edge new program starting this August and offered over the 2025-2026 academic year! The training is being evaluated through an NSF-funded research study (IRB-24-0530).



## Meet the SDS Peer Advisors and Graduate Assistants

Each semester, the School of Data Science relies on a dedicated team of student leaders who support its academic programs and daily operations. Peer Advisors assist undergraduate students in the Data Science and Sports Analytics programs, while Graduate Assistants contribute to school-wide initiatives, including marketing, communications, reporting, and event planning.

**Undergraduate Peer Advisors:** Peer Advisors are trained students who help their peers by answering questions, sharing resources, and promoting awareness of academic policies. They assist new and transfer students during orientation, participate in outreach campaigns, and contribute to events such as group advising sessions, workshops, and open houses.



**Maria Eduarda** is a Data Science BS student double majoring in International Business and minoring in Italian. She is currently a senior and serves as a Peer Advisor.

**Jason Labreque** is a Peer Advisor and a BS in Data Science student. He is a senior minoring in Artificial Intelligence and is a part of the Early Entry program for the Master's in Data Science and Business Analytics.



**Shanthi Pillai** is also a Data Science BS student minoring in Bioinformatics. She is a current sophomore in the honors program on campus.



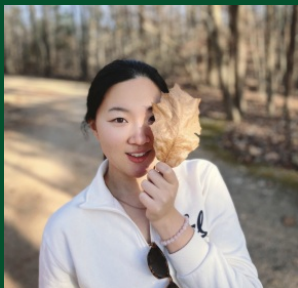
**Graduate Assistants:** SDS Graduate Assistants are vital to the School's strategic and operational goals. They manage communications, generate reports, update digital platforms, plan events, and market programs. They also support student access to online learning and conference coordination.

**Samy Babikerali (DSBA MS)** handles administrative and communication tasks, including program emails, website updates, and newsletter support. He will join the team formally in July.



**Sunnya Hadavi (DSBA MS)** focuses on program operations through data management, reporting, and communications, maintaining lists, and creating analytical reports and infographics.

**Desire Omotoye (HIA MS)** supports event planning, student training, bootcamp logistics, and manages student access to learning platforms like Coursera and DataCamp.



**Jiaqi Sun (DSBA MS)** specializes in marketing and communications, managing website content, social media, graphic design, and developing marketing strategies for both undergraduate and graduate programs, including conference communications.

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# Student Government

## NEWS

### Association of Data Science

The Association of Data Science at UNC Charlotte builds a vibrant community for undergraduate students interested in data science. Open to all majors, the organization hosts events, workshops, and networking opportunities to support academic, personal, and professional growth while promoting interdisciplinary collaboration. [Learn more and get involved TODAY!](#)

### ADS Mentorship Program – Interested in becoming a mentor?

The ADS Mentorship Program connects upperclassmen college students and graduate students with freshman mentees to support their academic, personal, and professional growth. As a mentor, you will serve as a guide, role model, and resource for one or more undergraduates navigating college life.

Apply Now!

### Graduate & Professional Student Government (GPSG) at UNC Charlotte



The Graduate & Professional Student Government (GPSG) is the official representative body for over 5,400 graduate and professional students at UNC Charlotte. It advocates for student needs, supports over 35 registered Graduate Student Organizations, and funds student research travel. Each organization has voting rights in the GPSG Senate, an open forum for student concerns and initiatives. Since 1999, GPSG has played a key role in enhancing graduate students' academic, social, and professional lives. All students are welcome to get involved or subscribe to their [newsletter](#).

### Student Government Association (SGA) at UNC Charlotte

The Student Government Association (SGA) is the official voice of the undergraduate student body at UNC Charlotte. Since 1946, SGA has represented



student interests, advocated for policy improvements, and worked to enhance campus life through leadership and collaboration. SGA funding is available to undergraduate students or sports clubs. Undergraduate student organizations can apply for funding through [Niner Engage](#), following the [Financial Procedures Act](#) and meeting all deadlines. Applications must be submitted at least 6 weeks before an event. Refer to the 2025-26 Grant and Travel Grant timelines for complete details. [Stay connected and follow SGA for the latest updates and opportunities!](#)

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## Campus RESOURCES

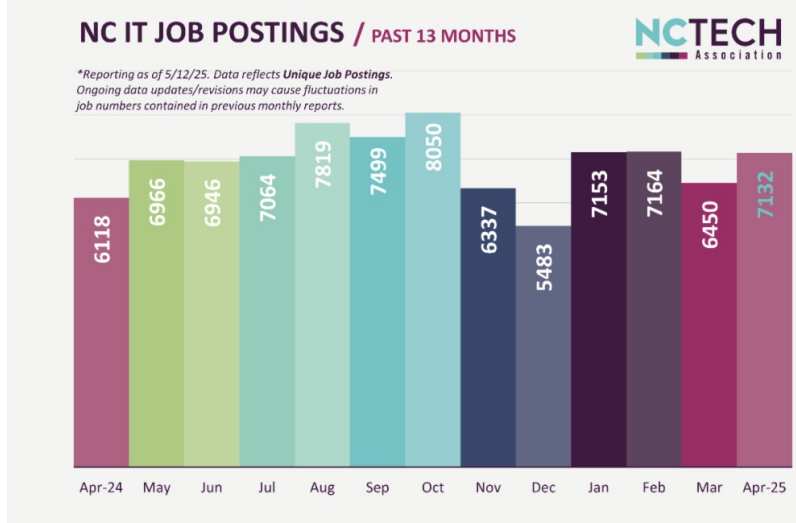
*In each issue, we highlight valuable resources available to the campus community, such as health services, advising, counseling, and more. If you know of a great resource you'd like us to feature in an upcoming issue, please email [Lindsay Lennon](mailto:Lindsay.Lennon@charlotte.edu) at [lindsay.lennon@charlotte.edu](mailto:lindsay.lennon@charlotte.edu), and we'll include it in the next newsletter!*

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## Data Science and Health Analytics In The NEWS

**NC TECH Releases Latest IT Job Trends for North Carolina:** NC TECH has shared its latest [IT Job Trends Dashboard](#), offering an in-depth look at IT job postings across the state. In April, NC IT postings rose nearly 11% from March and 17% year-over-year, bucking the national

trend of a 12% monthly decline. The Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia area leads in job postings, followed by Raleigh-Cary and Durham-Chapel Hill. Explore the full dashboard and access additional workforce insights via the **NC TECH | MetLife Center for Technology Workforce Innovation**.



# Jobs, Fellowships, AND INTERNSHIPS



Below is a current listing of postings shared with the SDS team or posted on the [Career Center's Hire-a-Niner site](#). If you are interested in sharing a position posting, you can email the information directly to [Joshua Hertel \(jhertel@charlotte.edu\)](mailto:jhertel@charlotte.edu) or access the full UNC Charlotte community through the Career Center- See Below.

# Featured JOBS AND INTERNSHIPS

## University City Partners (UCP)

University City Partners (UCP) is offering **10-week internships** for the upcoming fall (2025), spring (2026), and summer (2026) semesters. A video overview can be [viewed here](#). Interested students can email ([info@universitycitypartners.org](mailto:info@universitycitypartners.org)) University City Partners with the subject line "UCP Internship."

# Interns wanted at City Startup Labs

**City Startup Labs** seeks interns for: Storytelling, Marketing & Social Media; Program Research & Development; Project Management; Data Management & Analysis. The company focuses on empowering justice-impacted individuals and those often excluded from opportunity to fully realize their entrepreneurial potential.

[Apply Now!](#)

## Careers with Wells Fargo

Wells Fargo, a valued partner of the School of Data Science, has shared important recruiting information for undergraduate and graduate students interested in early career opportunities. Below is the key timeline for 2026 hiring (subject to change):

- **June/July:** Early Careers positions go live on the Wells Fargo Careers website
- **September – Early November:** Interviews conducted
- **November – December:** Offer decisions
- **December:** Fall recruiting season closes



Students are encouraged to explore the following resources:

- **Main Site:** [It all begins with you | Wells Fargo](#)
- **Early Careers Programs:** [Early Careers | Wells Fargo](#)

Now is a great time to begin preparing your materials and reviewing the available programs! [Join their talent community | Wells Fargo \(wellsfargojobs.com\)](#) |

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## Internships

- [Technology Consulting Intern, Protiviti](#), Charlotte, NC
- [Business Analytics Intern, TTX](#), Charlotte, NC
- [Data Science - AI Document Understanding, Co-op](#), Lehi, UT(Remote)
- [Analyst Intern – Global Fuels](#), Charlotte, NC



## Jobs

- [Data Analyst, Healthgrades, RVO Health](#), Charlotte, NC
- [Senior Data Intelligence Consultant, Hylaine](#), Charlotte, NC
- [HEOR Data Analyst, Psychometrics, IQVIA](#), Durham, NC(On-site)

[CHECK HIRE-A-NINER FOR ADDITIONAL LISTINGS](#)

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# Alumni CORNER

## Alumni Recruitment: Share Your Opportunities with SDS Students

Interested in recruiting talented UNC Charlotte students and graduates? We remind you that as an alumni, Hire-A-Niner is still available to you as an employer.

**NOW  
HIRING!**

Here's what you can do:

- **Feature Your Job in the SDS Student Newsletter:** Have a job or internship opening? Send it to Josh Hertel at [jhertel@charlotte.edu](mailto:jhertel@charlotte.edu), and we'll include it in the next SDS Student Newsletter, reaching over 800 current undergraduates and graduate students, plus 1,000+ SDS alumni.
- **Post Through Hire-A-Niner:** As an alumni, you can [use UNC Charlotte's Hire-A-Niner platform](#) as an employer, completely free. Post jobs and internships, Target specific majors or program levels (like Data Science, undergrad, or grad).

*Let us know when your post is live, and we'll promote it to SDS students via our newsletter. Questions? Contact the Career Center's Employer Engagement Team at [recruit@charlotte.edu](mailto:recruit@charlotte.edu).*

## Update Alumni Information

Keep your contact information current, you'll be sure to receive the latest information on SDS alumni events, news, announcements, and more. With more than 100,000 UNC Charlotte alumni and 500 (and growing) from the School of Data Science, you can connect with other fellow graduates around the globe. [Click here to update your contact and/or professional information.](#)



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