

STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Welcome All,

We wrapped up the spring semester just over a month ago and celebrated our newest graduates. Now, we turn our attention to the fall and the arrival of our new students. We're especially excited to **welcome the first cohorts of the Data Science Ph.D. and Sports Analytics B.S. programs**—welcome to the School of Data Science!

This newsletter is full of **valuable resources** for both new and continuing students. You'll find **key information on textbooks, health insurance, and course registration** .

If your résumé hasn't had a recent refresh, now's the time! We've added **new workshops led by Sia Partners and McKinsey**. We're also launching the **Fall SDS Résumé Book** for students seeking full-time roles or internships, so take a moment to polish your résumés and LinkedIn profiles.

To all students: **please register as soon as possible** . We'll begin rebalancing class sections in the coming weeks, and under-enrolled courses may be canceled. Register now to lock in your preferred schedule.

Warm wishes to all,

Josh Hertel

Director, School of Data Science



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

Hayat Naqvi
Graduating Class of 2025
M.S. in Epidemiology and
Health Informatics & Analytics
Hometown: India

Blake Costner
Graduating Class of 2025
M.S. in Data Science
and Business Analytics
Hometown: Shelby, NC

Hiza Mbela Mvuendy
Graduating Class of 2025
B.S. in Data Science
Hometown: Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Mary Margaret Lewis
Graduating Class of 2025
M.S. in Data Science and
Business Analytics
Hometown: Davidson, NC

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!](#)

[Call for Resumes: Fall 2025 SDS Resume Book—](#)

Internships and Jobs

We collect SDS resumes and create a fresh version of the book each semester. If you are seeking an internship or full-time placement for fall 2025 and would like us to share your resume with business and community partners, please fill out the form and upload a recent resume in a PDF format.



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

SDS Summer Resume Workshop | Wednesday, July 23 @12:00pm

Join this exclusive SDS Resume Workshop Session led by [Amit Arya, Chief Data & Analytics Officer, McKinsey & Company](#), and [Khalil Khouy, Data & AI Services Manager, Sia Partners](#). Seats are limited, and YOU MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE.

IN PERSON EVENT

SUMMER SEMINAR SERIES

Sponsored by:






Amit Arya
CHIEF DATA & ANALYTICS OFFICER
GLOBAL BANKING SOLUTIONS
MCKINSEY & COMPANY



Khalil Khouy
DATA & AI SERVICES MANAGER
SIA PARTNERS



SDS Resume Workshop Session
Featuring
McKinsey & Sia Consulting

July 23, 2025

For more information, please visit:



Register Here!

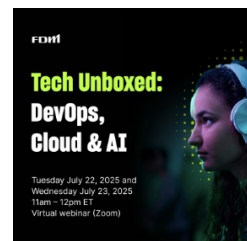
Fall 2025 Graduate Student Orientations:

- **Graduate Student Virtual Orientation | Thursday, 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.
- **New Doctoral Student Orientation | Friday, August 15, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM | Harris Alumni Center:** 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:** Meet fellow grad students, connect with Graduate School and campus staff, and explore the many resources available to you.

*Additionally, the School of Data Science will host a new student Orientation for DSBA & HIAN students, along with the College of Computing, on Friday, August 15th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Watch for more details to come!

Tech Unboxed: DevOps, Cloud & AI – Virtual Career Series | July 22 – 23, 2025

FDM Group is hosting *Tech Unboxed: DevOps, Cloud & AI*—a two-part virtual series designed to help students explore exciting career paths in IT Operations. This is a great opportunity to explore high-impact roles and prepare for a tech-driven future. Register today!



SAS Life Sciences Analytics School | July 22–23

Explore how AI is transforming the life sciences

industry at this free 2-day workshop hosted by SAS and the University of Cambridge. Live stream option will be available. [Register now with a university email.](#)



[SAS Hackathon | Sept. 15 – Oct. 10](#)

Join curious minds around the world for the 2025 SAS Hackathon, running from Sept. 15 – Oct. 10. You'll gain access to a cloud environment, collaborate with mentors, and retain ownership of your ideas and data. [Learn more & register now!](#)



[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. This conference is led by The North Carolina Chapter of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (NC HIMSS). [Register now!](#)



Campus
RESOURCES

New Student Resources

- [Laptop Policy - Bring Your Own Device \(BYOD\)](#): All students are required to have a personal laptop (PC or Mac). The NinerTech Store offers Niner Ready Bundles, including a laptop meeting these specifications and a discounted warranty.
- [Niner Course Pack](#): A textbook rental program that allows students to receive all their course materials ahead of time and save money. Enrollment is automatic and students are billed \$20 per credit hour per term. If you wish to [opt-out for Fall 2025](#), you can do so between July 20 and August 30.
- [Parking on Campus: Parking and Transportation Services \(PATS\)](#) is your one-stop shop for parking and campus transportation.
- [Student Health Insurance](#): Students must have health insurance, either

through their employer, parent, or by purchasing Student Blue Student Health Insurance. Unless a waiver is completed, students will be automatically enrolled and billed for Student Blue coverage on their tuition account. Starting this year, students can select either the Value or Premium health insurance plans. [For more details, visit the Student Health Insurance page.](#)

We highlight valuable resources available to the campus community in each issue, 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:Llennon2@charlotte.edu) at Llennon2@charlotte.edu, and we'll include it in the following newsletter!

From the [UNC Charlotte Career Center](#): Summer Workshops – Career Meet Up Series

[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](#):

- [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.
- [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!



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 Babiker Ali (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.

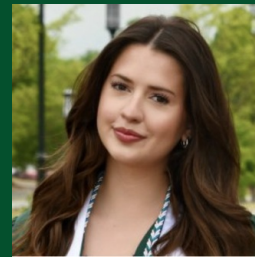
Desire Omotoye (HIA MS) supports event planning, student training, and boot camp

logistics; manages student access to learning platforms like Coursera and DataCamp; and assists with managing website content and creating social media graphics.



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

Paige Pickett (DSBA MS) is a graduate student in the M.S. in Data Science and Business Analytics program and currently serves as President of the School of Data Science Student Council. She will begin her role as a graduate assistant in Fall 2025.



Student Government

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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!](#)

SDS Graduate Student Council

The School of Data Science Graduate Student Council represents students in the DSBA and HIAN programs. It organizes events, programs, and meetups to build community and professional connections. The council is committed to fostering an inclusive environment that supports students' academic and career development. [Get engaged 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.

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. 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. 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. [Stay connected and follow SGA](#) for the latest updates and opportunities!



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

Fall 2025 Practicum Opportunity: PropTech AI Fellowship with Ascent Real Estate

The School of Data Science is excited to announce a unique PropTech AI Fellowship for Fall 2025 in partnership with **Ascent Real Estate Partners & Ascent Housing**. This 12-week opportunity is available for credit through **DSBA 6400** and offers a dynamic, hands-on project at the intersection of AI, real estate, and business strategy. The project revolves around building a Retail Tenant & Center Optimizer with live datasets and real impact. This is your chance to work with real data, collaborate across disciplines, and help shape the future of commercial real estate using AI. [See the full posting HERE](#). Apply by: July 15, 2025

SAS Institute – Job Opportunities for Attention SDS Alumni

SAS (originally *Statistical Analysis System*) is a leading software company headquartered in Cary, North Carolina. They have been a longstanding partner of the University and School. The company develops a powerful suite of tools used globally for data management, advanced analytics, business intelligence, and predictive modeling. **They asked us to share the following posting:**

- **Senior Data Engineer, SAS** - Cary, NC(Hybrid)

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

The Wells Fargo logo consists of the words "WELLS" and "FARGO" stacked vertically in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font, centered within a red square.

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 \(wellsfargojobs.com\) |](#)

Internships

- [2026 Corporate Risk Summer Internship, Wells Fargo](#) - Charlotte, NC
- [2026 Consumer Lending Internship Program, Wells Fargo](#) - Charlotte, NC
- [2026 Commercial Banking Summer Internship, Wells Fargo](#) - Charlotte, NC
- [2026 Consumer, Small & Business Banking Internship, Wells Fargo](#) - Charlotte, NC
- [Enterprise Credit Summer Analyst Program 2026 - Consumer Credit, Bank of America](#) - Charlotte, NC
- [Global Operations Development Summer Analyst Program - 2026, Bank of America](#) - Charlotte, NC

Jobs

- [Business Analyst, Forsyth Barnes](#) - Charlotte, NC(on-site)
- [Staff Data Scientist, Harnham](#) - Remote
- [Staff Data Scientist, Coinbase](#) - Remote
- [IT Operations Practice, FDM](#)

Kind Reminder:

Make sure to regularly check the company career pages – it's one of the best ways to catch new opportunities as soon as they're posted. Charlotte is home to many well-known employers across different industries, including financial services such as [Bank of America](#), [Truist](#), and [Ally Financial](#); healthcare providers like [Atrium Health](#) and [Novant Health](#); and energy and technology companies such as [Duke Energy](#) and [Honeywell](#).

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

Job Search Resources for Data Science and Analytics:

Jobs & Internship Sites

- [Hire-A-Niner: hireaniner.charlotte.edu](#)
- [Dice.com: www.dice.com/jobs](#)
- [The Muse: www.themuse.com](#)
- [Data Jobs: datajobs.com](#)
- [Hire Tech Ladies: www.hiretechladies.com](#)
- [Uncubed: uncubed.com](#)
- [Crunchboard: crunchboard.com/jobs](#)
- [Just Tech Jobs: justtechjobs.com](#)
- [Wellfound \(tech startup jobs\): wellfound.com/jobs](#)
- [Product Hunt: producthunt.com/jobs](#)
- [NCTECH Job Board: https://ourmembers.nctech.org/job](#)



Resources for International Students

- [H1-B Employer Data Hub: uscis.gov/h-1b-data-hub](#)

- [MyVisaJobs: www.myvisajobs.com](http://www.myvisajobs.com)
- [OPTNation: www.optnation.com](http://www.optnation.com)
- [Ultimate H1-B Sponsor Checker \(for LinkedIn and Indeed\)](#)



Invitation to Alumni: Fall 2025 SDS Tuesday Seminar Series – Share Your Data Science Expertise

We're thrilled to begin planning the Fall 2025 Tuesday Professional Seminar Series and invite our alumni to participate as featured speakers. These weekly sessions, held Tuesdays from 4:00–5:00 p.m. at the Dubois Center in uptown Charlotte, connect current students with professionals like you who are shaping the future of data science and health analytics.

By sharing your experience—whether it's a deep dive into the tools you use, insights on emerging trends, or advice on launching a data-driven career—you'll help students gain valuable real-world perspective and strengthen the SDS community.

If you're interested in presenting or want to explore ideas, please contact **Joshua Hertel** at jhertel@charlotte.edu. We would love to showcase your journey and the exciting work you're doing!

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.



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, 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.

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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