

AUGUST 10 STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the School of Data Science Newsletter!

Welcome to our new students and congratulations to our newest summer 2026 graduates! This biweekly publication connects students, faculty, alumni, and industry and community partners with the people, opportunities, and resources shaping data science at UNC Charlotte and throughout the Charlotte region.



In this issue:

- **Leadership & Advisory Board:** Dr. Min Shin begins as Interim Executive Director, and John Martin, VP of Data Science at Premier Inc., joins the SDS Industry Advisory Board.
- **Career & Networking:** Explore upcoming Dubois Center Professional Seminars featuring Wells Fargo, the Joe Gibbs Human Performance Institute, and AuxoAI.
- **Internships:** Discover opportunities including the Charlotte Hornets Business Intelligence Internship and Pearl Innovation Fellowship in AI & Health Innovation with Advocate Health.
- **Alumni Network:** Connect with more than 1,000 SDS alumni through our new LinkedIn Alumni Network.

Have something to share? Send us conferences, datathons, events, jobs, internships, or other opportunities to feature in a future edition! *Please send your submissions to Lindsay Mongillo, SDS Communications and Events Manager. Newsletters are published bi-monthly, around the 1st and 15th of the month. Please send your submissions to Lindsay Mongillo, SDS Communications and Events Manager. Newsletters are published bi-monthly, around the 1st and 15th of the month.*

Joshua 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 Mongillo](#), SDS Communications and Events Manager. Newsletters are published bi-monthly, around the 1st and 15th of the month.



Important DATES

Important Campus Dates

The [Registrar's Calendar for 2026-2027](#) includes the full academic year schedule for holidays and deadlines. Find the full [SDS Calendar of Events](#) on the program website.

- August 10 Academic Year Begins
- August 11 Spring Academic Suspension Appeal Deadline @11:59 pm
- August 16 New Student Convocation
- August 17 **First day of classes**
- August 21 School of Data Science Kickoff Event - Drop in 11 am - 1 pm
- August 22 Saturday classes begin
- August 24 **Last day to add or drop a course with no grade* @ 11:59 pm**
- August 25 Second Cancellation for nonpayment Payment Information
- August 27 Grade Replacement auto selection process run Policy Information
- August 28 **Census date for Fall Enrollment**
- August 28 Niner Course Pack Last Day to Opt Out Niner Course Pack Information

Program Updates AND CAMPUS NEWS

John Martin Joins SDS Advisory Board

The School of Data Science is pleased to welcome John Martin, Vice President of Data Science at Premier Inc., to the SDS Industry Advisory Board. Dr. Martin brings more than 25 years of experience in data science, healthcare analytics, quality improvement, clinical research, and health economics and outcomes research. At Premier, he leads data science strategy and initiatives that apply machine learning, AI, and advanced statistical methods to healthcare supply chains, care delivery, provider performance, and patient outcomes.



John's addition to the Advisory Board exemplifies the Community pillar of the School of Data Science's mission, which emphasizes robust engagement with industry and community partners. These partnerships provide valuable insights into emerging industry trends, create opportunities for student mentorship and research collaboration, and help ensure that our academic programs remain responsive to the rapidly changing needs of the data science profession.

We are excited to welcome John and Premier to the SDS community and look forward to the expertise, perspective, and opportunities for collaboration they will bring to our students, faculty, and programs



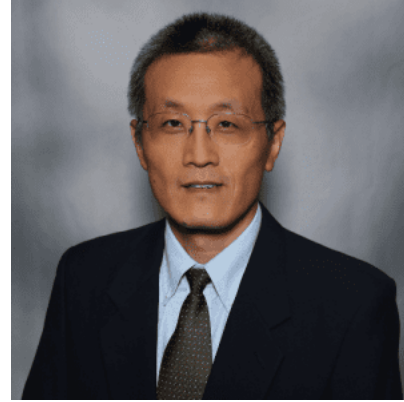
The School of Data Science is pleased to welcome **Dr. Min Shin** as Interim Executive Director while the University conducts a search for a permanent leader.

Dr. Shin will serve concurrently as Chair of the Department of Machine Learning. A UNC Charlotte faculty member for more than 20 years, he brings extensive leadership experience and a distinguished record of research in artificial intelligence and computer vision.



We also extend our sincere gratitude to **Dr. Dongsong Zhang** for his outstanding leadership as Executive Director. Under his guidance, SDS became a permanent academic unit, launched the Ph.D. in Data Science, expanded faculty and industry partnerships, and strengthened its reputation for interdisciplinary education and

research. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Shin to his new role and thanking Dr. Zhang for his many contributions to the School of Data Science.



Campus Resources

As part of our efforts to highlight campus resources available to SDS students, we have links to campus units that may be helpful during your time at UNC Charlotte.

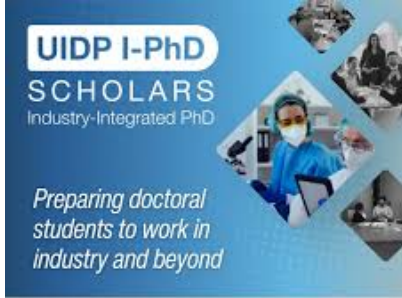
Hire-A-Niner Resources- Hire-A-Niner is the University Career Center's platform for off-campus job postings, on-campus positions, career fairs, events, and interviews. Explore additional career support services through your **Career Center**.

- **Join a Career Community- Today!** Career Communities and Industry-Based Resources help students explore career paths beyond the limits of their academic major by connecting them with industries aligned to their interests, skills, and professional goals. Find their calendar of events **HERE**.
 - **Join the Technology | Data | Analytics Community** if you are interested in cutting-edge technology, analytics, and problem-solving; check out the Technology, Data and Analytics Career Community.
 - **Join the Healthcare | Science | Research Community** if you have an interest in the health and well-being of people and the scientific knowledge of change in society.
- **Office of Accessibility and Accommodation (NEW NAME)** works to make sure that students with disabilities have access to education and campus life at UNC Charlotte.
- **UNC Charlotte Academic Software Center**: This is the best way for students to receive discounted, University-provided software for personal devices. Use the **Software Center** to download FOR FREE.
- **Reynolds Center for Graduate Life and Learning (CGLL)**:

*Located in Atkins, the CGLL supports the academic, professional, and personal development of graduate students by fostering inclusive community, interdisciplinary engagement, and career readiness while hosting **professional development workshops**.*

Attention Data Science PhD Students: Join the First UIDP I-PhD Scholars Cohorts

The University-Industry Demonstration Partnership (UIDP) invites university-industry partnerships to apply for the inaugural **Industry-Integrated PhD (I-PhD) Scholars Program**. The program aims to develop a scalable U.S. model for preparing PhD researchers to succeed across academic, industry, and cross-sector environments.



The application is nonbinding and requires no upfront financial commitment. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

[Begin Your Application](#)

[View Application Questions](#)

[Subscribe to Email Updates](#)



New SDS Alumni Network on LinkedIn

The School of Data Science Alumni Network is now on LinkedIn, and we would love for you to join! SDS alumni and current students can stay connected on this page after graduation. You will find event announcements, career conversations, alumni spotlights, and opportunities shared by people who have been through the same program you have. For students, it is a direct line to alumni working across health care, finance, technology, and consulting. For alumni, it is a way to stay close to the school and to help the next group of graduates find their footing.

We are building this from the ground up, and the network is only as strong as the people in it. Follow the page, introduce yourself, and share it with anyone in the SDS community who would want to be included.

[Join Today!](#)

Update Your Alumni Information

Keep your contact

information current to ensure you receive the latest updates on SDS alumni events, news, announcements, and more. With more than 100,000 UNC Charlotte alumni and over 1000 alumni from the School of Data Science, you can connect with fellow graduates around the globe. [Click here to update your contact and/or professional information.](#)



Alumni Recruitment: Share your Opportunities with SDS Students

Looking to hire talented recent graduates or experienced alumni from the School of Data Science? As an SDS alumnus, you have two easy ways to connect with top candidates:

- **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 alumnus, 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.

Scout Motors Campfire Conversations

From **August 17-20**, **Scout Motors** will be hosting a virtual event called **Campfire Conversations**. During the four-day event participants will hear directly from our engineering leaders, learn about the teams and technologies shaping the next generation participants will hear directly from our engineering leaders, learn about the teams and technologies shaping the next generation of Scout® vehicles, and explore career opportunities at Scout Motors.

New Graduate Student Virtual Orientation- Kick off your graduate journey at UNC Charlotte - Thursday, August 13, 2026, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Coordinated by the Center of Graduate Life and Learning, the event kicks off with a welcome from the Graduate School Deans, followed by returning students sharing insider tips to help you thrive. You'll also participate in a fun community activity and head into breakout rooms to get all your essential questions answered efficiently. To foster authentic interaction, no digital note-takers or AI recorders are permitted in this Zoom workshop. Secure your spot today by visiting the [**UNC Charlotte Campus Events Registration**](#) page.

Calling All New Doctoral Students! Kick off your PhD or EdD journey at the **New Doctoral Student Orientation** on **Friday, August 14, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM** at the Harris Alumni Center. Enjoy a complimentary breakfast, meet the Graduate School Dean, and connect with fellow incoming scholars. You'll also get quick, essential insights into campus resources, academic integrity, and navigating grad school challenges. Don't miss out—[**Register Here**](#) to secure your spot!

CCI and SDS Fall Graduate Orientation- Register today for the **CCI Fall Graduate Programs Orientation** on **Friday, August 14th, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Bioinformatics 105 Auditorium**. This in-person interactive session is your essential first step to starting strong at UNC Charlotte. It is a fantastic opportunity to meet your fellow Data Science and Business Analytics (DSBA) and Health Informatics and Analytics (HIA/DSHA) graduate students, connect with faculty, and gather helpful academic resources. We look forward to welcoming you to campus and helping you map out a clear, successful path for the journey ahead! [**Register Today!**](#)

New Graduate Student Welcome Social Event: Saturday, August 15th, 11:00-1:00- Welcome to UNC Charlotte! New graduate students are encouraged to attend the **New Graduate Student Welcome** in **Hauser Pavilion**, where you can meet faculty and fellow students, learn about campus resources, and get your questions answered before the semester begins. To help you prepare for your first semester, be sure to review the [**New Student Checklist**](#), visit [**Niner Central**](#) for enrollment and student services, and explore the [**Campus Events**](#) calendar to stay informed about activities happening across campus. We look forward to welcoming you to the Niner community and wish you a successful start to your graduate journey!



Below is a collection of workshops, advising sessions, networking, conferences, etc. relevant to students in the SDS.

SDS Professional Seminars/Dubois Center Events - The School of Data

Science hosts weekly in-person Professional Seminar Sessions with various presenters to help students connect with industry professionals and build career skills. All sessions are hosted at the Dubois Center from 4:00-5:00 pm. Please visit the ***SDS Calendar of Events*** for more information on the companies and speakers participating, and to register.

- **September 1** *Introduction to the Wells Fargo Externship Program- Dubois Center*
- **September 8** *Joe Gibbs Human Performance Institute(JGHPI): Title TBD- Dubois Center*
- **September 15** *AuxoAI: Jobs of the Future: Building the Agent-Driven Enterprise*
- **September 22** *E15/Compass Group: Applied AI in Sports Hospitality: From Fan Sentiment to Reducing Waste- Dubois Center*

CCI and Campus Resources

The College of Computing and Informatics, Career Center, Center for Graduate Life and Learning, etc, host regular in-person and online sessions open to all with various presenters to help students connect with industry professionals and build career skills. Please visit their respective websites for the full list of opportunities. Below is a curated list.

- **August 25** 3-4:00 pm CCI/SDS Recent Alumni Career Panel- Main Campus
- **September 9** 1- 4 pm CCI/SDS GR Resume Reviews
- **September 15** 3:00-4:00 PM CCI UG PD Workshop
- **September 17** 2:00-3:00 PM Early Entry Internship Panel

UNC Charlotte Career Center-From the Career Center Newsletter

Join the Party on the Plaza – August 19: Kick off the new academic year at Party on the Plaza, sponsored by the University Career Center, on Wednesday, August 19! This campus tradition brings students together for an evening of food, music, games, giveaways, and opportunities to connect with campus departments and student organizations. It's a great way to meet fellow Niners, explore campus resources, and start the semester with fun and a sense of community. Learn more **[HERE](#)**.

Other Important Dates with the Career Center:

- Wednesday, August 19: Plaza Party
- Friday, September 4: STEM Fair
- Tuesday, September 15: Niner Networking Mixer
- Friday, September 25: Fall Career & Internship Fair

Join the Niner Career Challenge Today! Turn your career preparation into a chance to win Spring 2027 tuition! The Niner Career Challenge is back, rewarding your professional growth throughout the year. Earn points by:

- Attending Career Center meetups or coaching.
- Networking at career fairs.

- Engaging in campus-wide career events.

Qualifying activities are hosted by Niner Finances, CCI, and other partners. Visit the registration page [here](#) to view the full list of eligible activities and start earning points today!



Compete in the 2027 SAS Curiosity Cup: Are you interested in showcasing your data science and AI skills on a global stage? The **2027 SAS Curiosity Cup** interest form is now available! This international student competition challenges teams to solve real-world problems using SAS



technologies. Finalists gain valuable exposure to SAS customers and partners, with opportunities for internships, employment, digital badges, prizes, and an all-expenses-paid trip to the SAS Innovate Conference in Las Vegas for the winning teams. ***Learn more and join the 2027 interest list today!***

NC HIMSS Annual Conference: Where Healthcare Innovation Meets Action-

Join healthcare leaders, clinicians, and IT professionals from across the Carolinas at the **NC HIMSS Annual Conference**, held October 19–20 at the McKimmon Center at NC State University. This year's event features expert-led sessions covering critical topics such as artificial intelligence, clinical informatics, cybersecurity, digital transformation, enterprise technology, healthcare policy, and data strategy. Attendees will have the opportunity to exchange ideas, discover innovative solutions, and take away practical, actionable insights for their organizations. Don't miss the chance to connect with industry peers and leading experts. **Register today** to secure your spot, and check the McKimmon Center website for local lodging options and special rates.



NC TECH Summit for Women in Tech: Join more than 350 women in technology for two days of inspiring speakers, leadership development, networking, and

meaningful connections in Asheville, September 28–29. **Register Today!**

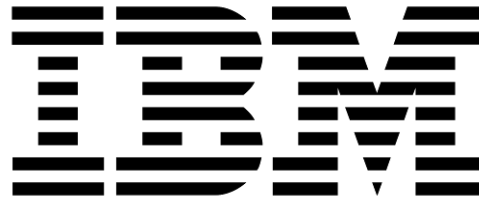


Sign Up Today for the Women in Tech Datathon! Ready to tackle one of the world's biggest challenges with data? Form a team of 2–5 and join the **2026 Women in Data Datathon**, where you'll explore global food systems, analyze real-world data, and develop innovative solutions to improve food security, nutrition, and sustainability.

Registration opens **July 24** and closes **August 14**. Don't miss your chance to collaborate with a global community of data professionals, mentors, and innovators while showcasing your skills on an international stage.



IBM Dev Day: Bob in Action + Hackathon: Future proofing critical systems on IBM i and IBM Z with Bob- Join the free **IBM Dev Day: Bob in Action** virtual event on August 27, 2026 (11:00 AM – 2:30 PM ET, with a 10:00 AM enablement session) to discover how IBM Bob 2.0 uses AI and agentic orchestration to modernize RPG and IBM Z



applications across the software development lifecycle. Technical experts will guide you through building smarter enterprise workflows before you put your skills into practice during the virtual **Hackathon** from August 28–30, 2026. By building a solution to improve developer workflows, top competing teams can win up to \$2,000 in cash prizes along with conference passes and travel opportunities to present their projects at the IBM **TechXchange** 2026 conference in Atlanta, GA.



Career Tip: Never Miss an Opportunity with Hire-A-Niner Job Alerts

Looking for internships or full-time opportunities? Let **Hire-A-Niner**, UNC Charlotte's career platform, do the searching for you by setting up **Job Alerts**.

1. Log in to Hire-A-Niner with your NinerNET credentials, select the **Jobs** tab, and use the search filters to customize your results. You can filter by **Position Type**, **Industry**, and **Remote/On-Site** options. For even more targeted

results, click **More Filters** to refine your search by criteria such as **Desired Major, Work Authorization, Posted Date, Apply By**, and more.

2. Once you've selected the filters that best match your interests, click **Apply** to view the available opportunities. If you're happy with the results, select **Create Job Alert** in the upper-right corner of the page. You'll receive a confirmation message indicating that alerts have been created for your search.
3. You can customize how often you receive notifications by clicking the **settings (gear) icon** next to **Create Job Alert** and choosing a frequency that works for you: **Daily, Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly, or Never**.



As your interests change, you can return to the same settings menu to manage your saved alerts. From there, you can update notification preferences or delete alerts you no longer need by clicking the **trash** icon next to the saved search. A few minutes spent setting up Job Alerts can help ensure you never miss internship or job opportunities that match your career goals.

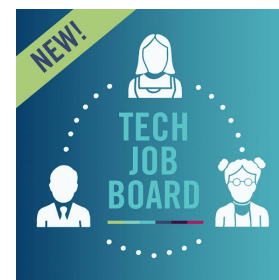
SKIP (EdSkip)- SKIP is a curated career platform designed for educators and professionals exploring careers beyond the traditional classroom. Founded in 2021 by former educator Chelsea Maude Avirett, SKIP was created to simplify the job search for those transitioning into education-adjacent roles.

SKIP is a platform **featuring more than 10,000 curated job opportunities** with mission-driven nonprofits, startups, and major companies. Whether you're seeking a career change or your next professional opportunity, SKIP connects job seekers with roles that align with their skills and experience. If you're interested in education, training, learning and development, edtech, or other education-related jobs.



NC TECH Job Board- Are you or someone you know looking for the next opportunity? Check out our job board, which includes open positions from member organizations.

[Learn More](#)



Jobs, Fellowships, AND INTERSHIPS

Job Postings

- **Internship Opportunity – Business Intelligence Intern with the Charlotte Hornets**

Apply now to support the Hornets' Revenue division during the 2026–2027 NBA season! This paid internship offers hands-on experience in business analytics, including SQL, Tableau, data management, market research, and communicating insights that drive business decisions.



[Learn More & Apply](#)

- **Job Opportunities: Pantar Solutions, Weddington, NC**

Pantar Solutions, a technology services and IT consulting firm based in the Charlotte area, is hiring for two full-time positions: Data Scientist and Data Engineer. These roles offer the opportunity to work with modern data platforms, cloud technologies, machine learning, and analytics in enterprise environments. Positions are based in Weddington, NC, with travel or relocation to client sites as needed. Learn more and click below:

- **Data Scientist**
- **Data Engineer**

Interested applicants should email their resumes to: Dharma Theja, Senior Sales Recruiter, Pantar Solutions Inc. Phone: 704-594-7974 Email: teja@pantarsolutions.net

- **Job Opportunity: Biostatistician I – Medpace: Location: Cincinnati, OH (On-site):**

Medpace, a leading global clinical research organization (CRO), is seeking a Biostatistician I to join its Biostatistics team. This full-time position offers the opportunity to contribute to clinical trial design, statistical analysis, and reporting while supporting the development of innovative therapies. **Qualifications:**

- *Ph.D. in Biostatistics, Statistics, or a related field*
- *Strong SAS programming skills (or equivalent)*
- *1–2 years of pharmaceutical or CRO experience preferred*

Medpace offers competitive compensation and benefits, 20+ days of PTO, professional development opportunities, a modern campus with on-site fitness facilities, and a collaborative work environment. Learn more and apply through the [Medpace careers website](#).

- **Internship Opportunity: Pearl Innovation Fellow (AI & Health Innovation):**
Advocate Health is seeking a Pearl Innovation Fellow to join The Pearl Innovation District in Charlotte. This part-time, grant-funded internship (up to 15 hours per week) offers undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to work at the intersection of artificial intelligence, data science, healthcare, and innovation. Fellows will gain hands-on experience supporting AI- and data-driven initiatives while participating in a cohort-based professional development program focused on the future of health. Ideal candidates have an interest in AI, analytics, healthcare innovation, or emerging technologies, with experience in coding, data analysis, or AI tools. The position is based primarily at The Pearl during regular business hours and offers competitive hourly pay.
- ***Scout Motors is Hiring:*** *Scout Motors is actively recruiting for various roles in engineering, manufacturing, and data analytics across their Charlotte, NC, and Blythewood, SC locations. All current openings are listed on Hire-A-Niner.*
- **Specialist, IT Systems & Projects**
- **Specialist, Process Optimization & Data Management Sr. Specialist, Vehicle Commissioning Systems Engineer:**
- **Manager, Pilot Hall – Battery:**
- **Specialist, Ladder Frame Engineer:**
- **Specialist, Vehicle EE System Validation Engineer:**
- **Sr. Specialist, Robot Programming, Paint Shop:**
- **Supplier Quality Engineer, Press Parts:**
- **Supplier Quality Engineer:**
- **Specialist, SAP Plant Maintenance:**
- **Quality Engineer, Total Vehicle:**
- **Analyst, Container Management: Analyst, Transportation Planning:**
- **Bank of America is conducting hiring for a GFC Investigations Analyst Position** at the Charlotte office. IN FACT, they are looking to hire 50+ from Charlotte (200 total at 4 locations)! They are open to all majors. If you are interested in this opportunity, do BOTH of the following:
- **Apply via their position link**
- AND - submit your resume into the ***Bank of America - Resume Book*** found in **Hire-A-Niner** by August 14th, 12 pm. (The Career Center will be passing along a book of resumes to our contact to help!)

Internships

- **2027 COO Global Operations Summer Internship - Early Careers, Wells Fargo-** Charlotte, NC
- **Research Assistant - Intern, Resolution Economics -** Charlotte, NC (On-site)
- **Quantitative Data Analytics Summer Analyst Program - 2027,** Bank of America, Multiple Locations
- **Global Technology Summer Analyst 2027 - Business Analyst,** Bank of America, Multiple Locations

Jobs

- **Leap Systems Analyst (December 2025 - May 2026 Graduates)**, Fidelity Investments Westlake, TX and Durham, NC (Hire-A-Niner)
- **Data Scientist I**, Huxley Charlotte, NC (LinkedIn)
- **Data Analyst (Business Intelligence – Analytics Platform)**, Meduit Charlotte, NC
- **Data Analyst**, Brightspeed, Charlotte, NC
- **AI Data Science Analytics**, GE Appliances, Louisville, KY
- **Jr. Data Analyst - Tableau/SQL**, Wells Fargo, Grand Prairie, Texas



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