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DATA SCIENCE

September 21 STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the School of Data Science Newsletter!

Over the next month, career preparation takes center stage as the job and internship search heats up. Opportunities are rolling in fast, ranging from Summer 2027 rotational programs to major networking events like the Fall Career Fair, CCI Tech Connect, and Career Center Data Community Week. We're also hosting regular Professional Seminars featuring industry leaders to help you plug into real-world trends across AI and analytics.

Beyond career moves, consider this issue your roadmap for navigating the semester. Stay ahead of crucial academic dates for advising, course registration, and graduation applications so you don't miss a beat. We also invite you to plug into student organization events, connect with the new SDS Alumni Network on LinkedIn, and explore regional resources like the Charlotte Urban Institute.

Whether you're landing your next role, checking off degree requirements, or growing your professional circle, we're here to help you take action and make the most of the SDS community.

Best,
Josh

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.



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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.

- September 25 **Fall Career and Internship Fair**
- September 28 Spring 2027 Schedule of Classes available on the web
- September 29 MS Thesis Proposal Defense Deadline for December Graduation
- October 5 Unsatisfactory Mid-Term Grade notices
- October 8 **Last day to withdraw from course(s)**
- October 10 Student registration appointment times available on the web
- October 12-13 Student Recess – No Classes
- October 13 Optional Reschedule Date for Possible Interruptions
- October 26 **Registration for Spring 2027 begins**



Program Updates

AND CAMPUS NEWS

Interested in a Spring 2027 TA or IA Position? Apply for Spring 2027

SDS is now accepting applications for **Spring 2027 Assistantships!** Each semester, the School of

Data Science awards a limited number of funded positions to eligible students in the DSBA, DSHA (HIA), DTSC, and SPOA programs. Assistantships

provide valuable teaching, research, and professional experience while supporting SDS faculty and students. Eligibility:



- Current and newly admitted SDS students
- Minimum **3.0 GPA**
- Enrolled in at least **6 credit hours**
- International students are eligible

Full-time positions are 20 hours/week; part-time positions are 10 hours or less. Awards are for one semester, and no tuition remission is provided. Undergraduate grader positions are also available. **Apply today to be considered for Spring 2027.**

Graduate Advising for DSBA and DSHA Students



Registration for Spring 2027 is right around the corner! The Spring 2027 Schedule will be available for viewing on **Friday, September 28**, with registration beginning **October 26**.

To help you prepare, the School of Data Science will host two virtual graduate advising sessions:

- Tuesday, **October 6th, 4:00-5:00 pm: Data Science and Health Analytics**
- Wednesday, **October 7th, 4:00-5:00 pm: Data Science and Business Analytics**

Register today to receive the virtual meeting link. We will discuss elective options, program updates, and other topics to help you plan for spring. Before the session, we strongly recommend reviewing your **DegreeWorks** audit (via my.charlotte.edu) to confirm your progress toward degree completion. If you identify an error or a discrepancy with the catalog requirements, please contact your advisor or Graduate Program Director.

Reminder: Apply for December 2026 Graduation!



If you plan to complete your degree requirements at the end of the Fall 2026 term, you must submit an official graduation application by Thursday, September 17, 2026. All students completing their degree requirements in December must apply, regardless of whether they plan to attend the commencement ceremony.

How to Apply: Log in to **MyCharlotte** and select Student Self Service under Quick Links. Under Student Records, select Apply to Graduate and follow the prompts to select your program, verify your diploma name, and provide your diploma mailing address. Questions about the graduation application? Contact graduation@charlotte.edu or check with your academic advisor.

Attention DTSC & SPOA Undergraduates: Required Registration Advising

All undergraduate Data Science (DTSC) and Sports Analytics (SPOA) majors! Required registration advising is currently underway for the upcoming registration cycle. All students in both programs must complete registration advising to clear their advising holds before registering for classes.

- **Use Connect to set up your advising appointment as soon as possible!**
- **Course Registration Opens: Class registration for the upcoming term officially begins the week of October 26th.**



Updating Your Major or Certificate Program

Are you looking to declare or remove a program within the School of Data Science? You can use the SDS Change of Major/Minor Request Form to both add or drop any of the following undergraduate programs:

- **Data Science Major (DTSC)**
- **Sports Analytics Major (SPOA)**
- **Sports Analytics Certificate (SPOA Cert)**

Note: The Sports Analytics (SPOA) Certificate is exclusively available to current DTSC majors. SPOA majors cannot be a SPOA Certificate student. To submit a request, complete the [online form](#), and an advisor will review it.

Undergraduate Students: Learn More About Kamala Scholarship

Each Fall, AnitaB.org opens the **Kamala Scholarship Program**, which sends 125 undergraduate Scholars to Anaheim, California to attend the Grace Hopper Celebration.

The program is open to:

- **Black and Latine students**
- **Third- and fourth-year undergraduate students**
- **Students studying a technical computing field**
- **Students who can attend GHC 26 in person in Anaheim**



Selected Scholars receive GHC registration, fully funded travel, lodging and transportation, one year of AnitaB.org Premium Membership, and 10 one-on-one career coaching sessions.

To learn about the 2027 application, visit AnitaB.org.



SDS 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 about the participating companies and speakers, and to register.

Applied AI in Sports Hospitality: From Fan Sentiment to Reducing Waste | Tuesday, September 22: Data leaders from E15 Group and Compass Data & AI will share how machine learning and fan-feedback analytics are transforming arena operations from the concourse to the back-of-house—come learn how data is reshaping sports and entertainment; registration required.



- **From SAS Viya to Global Competitions: Exploring Analytics, AI, and Innovation** | Tuesday, September 29: Joe Furbee, Developer Advocate and Community Manager at SAS, will introduce the cloud-native SAS Viya platform and share how students can participate in global competitions like the SAS Hackathon and Curiosity Cup to build real-world AI solutions—join us to expand your technical skills and showcase your analytical talents; free event. [**Register here.**](#)



CCI and Campus Events

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, featuring various presenters to help students connect with industry professionals and build career skills. Please visit their respective website for the full list of opportunities. Below is a curated list.

- **Fall Career and Internship Fair | Friday, September 25, 2026 | 10am - 2pm | SAC**
- **Fall 2026 Financial Services Career Fair | Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Student Union 340**
- **AI in Practice: Systems, Wikis, and the Future of Work | Tuesday, September 22, 3PM - Woodward 335-** Curious how enterprise AI strategists leverage LLMs beyond standard chatbot queries?
- Join Ben Cochran (EY Fuel) for a candid, technical breakdown of two practical AI architectures inspired by Andrej Karpathy.
- **Bank of America Panel | Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm | Friday 130**
- **Lincoln Financial - Employer in the Foyer Table | Tuesday, September 29, 11AM-2PM, Woodward Hall Second Floor-** Drop by to talk with representatives from Lincoln Financial about tech careers with the organization.

Virtual Workshop: “49 Minutes of Impact: Building the Network You Actually Need” with CCI Alum Param Patel, Wednesday, September 30th, 2026 12pm-12:49pm- Join us for an insightful session with CCI alumna Param Patel, currently a Senior DevSecOps Engineer at Bandwidth and former Information Security Engineer at TIAA.

Param will share practical strategies on cultivating meaningful professional connections that drive career growth. **Access Info (for QR Code & Details) Zoom Link: [Join Zoom Meeting](#) (Meeting ID: 942 3349 4611/Passcode: 286571)**



The Hartford Employer in the Foyer Table | Thursday, October 1, 11AM-2PM, Woodward Hall Second Floor- Students can drop by and learn more about the company as well as receive professional development-related feedback. Those graduating Dec 2027/May 2028 are especially encouraged to attend.

CCI'S Tech Connect Event | Thursday, September 24, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Cone Center Lucas Room: Skip the crowds and connect with Tech

Employers. Feeling overwhelmed by career fairs and wondering how to get noticed? **CCI Tech Connect** offers a more focused opportunity to have meaningful conversations with technology employers and recruiters. Join us to explore internships, co-ops, and full-time opportunities with companies hiring CCI and SDS students. Come prepared to network, ask questions, and make connections that could lead to your next opportunity. **Register today and make your connection!**

CCI Presents

TECH CONNECT

Meet your future. See it in action.



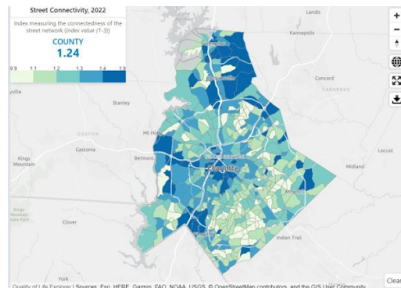


- Tech Connect Networking Event offers prime networking opportunities with organizations offering internships and jobs.
- Watch small, engaging demonstrations highlighting real-world impact and exciting projects, details of tech roles you could step into within those organizations.
- Envision your future in tech. Discover diverse career paths, and gain insights to shape your career journey.



Campus Resources: Charlotte Urban Institution

As part of our effort to highlight campus resources available to SDS students and faculty, we are featuring the **Charlotte Urban Institute**, a valuable source of data, research, and analysis about the Charlotte region. The Institute uses integrated data, data visualization, mapping, and mixed-methods research to better understand our rapidly changing community and collaborates with organizations across the region and faculty throughout UNC Charlotte. **Looking for data? Explore these resources:**



- **Charlotte Regional Data Trust** – Access social and community data supporting research, planning, and evaluation.
- **Quality of Life Explorer** – Explore more than 80 interactive maps covering social, housing, economic, environmental, and safety conditions in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.
- **Charlotte Region Health Risk Dashboard (New)** – Explore regional health risks, disparities, and structural factors affecting health.
- **Mecklenburg Housing Data** – Find data, research, and analysis on housing and homelessness in Mecklenburg County.

Stay connected: Sign up for the Charlotte Urban Institute newsletter.

What's Happening in the Community?

Charlotte is a thriving business and innovation hub, home to Fortune 500 leaders including Bank of America, Lowe's, Honeywell, Duke Energy, Truist, and Nucor. With major employers across finance, healthcare, retail, technology, manufacturing, and

more, Charlotte also offers countless professional events, meetups, and affinity groups. Explore opportunities beyond campus.



- **NCDS Fall Career Panel: Analyzing Data Science Careers | October 15 | 5:00 p.m. ET-** Join the National Consortium for Data Science (NCDS) for a career panel exploring pathways into data science, including the technical and professional skills that help candidates stand out in a competitive field. **Register now** to hear insights from data science professionals across industry. *NCDS brings together leaders from academia, industry, and government to advance data science and build a data-literate workforce. NCDS supports career pathways, connects public- and private-sector data professionals, and promotes open and accessible data to drive innovation and economic opportunity. Sign up today for the National Consortium for Data Science (NCDS) newsletter.*



Spring 2027 | City of Charlotte
INTERNSHIP CAREER FAIR

The City of Charlotte Internship Career Fair is your gateway to meaningful opportunities across a wide range of departments and career paths.

Whether you're a college student, or recent college graduate, this event will connect you with city leaders and professionals who are shaping Charlotte's future.

WEDNESDAY
Oct. 21, 2026
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

1105 OTTS ST.
Charlotte, NC 28205

Free street parking and on-site parking lot available.

To apply, scan the QR code or visit our website for more information.
citgov.me/internships

CITY OF CHARLOTTE | Be part of the city. Shape your future.

- **City of Charlotte Internship Career Fair- Explore Internship Opportunities | Wednesday, October 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.:** Looking for an internship that puts your data science skills to work in the community? Meet representatives from city departments, connect with municipal professionals, explore career pathways, and learn more about internship opportunities. This is a great chance to build your network and prepare for future opportunities with the City of Charlotte. **Sign up for the Internship Career Fair**



Carolina Health Informatics Program

Join the Health Informatics Seminar Series:

Connect with industry leaders, researchers, faculty, and clinicians and explore the latest innovations in healthcare data, technology, and patient care. The

Carolina Health Informatics Program (CHIP) hosts the series in partnership with Duke University, North Carolina Central University, UNC Charlotte, East Carolina University, and Wake Forest University. Register once to receive the Zoom link for all 2026–2027 sessions.

Coming Up:

- **Sept. 23: Genomics and Artificial Intelligence** | Nephi Walton, MD, Associate Professor, Epidemiology and Prevention, Public Health Sciences, Wake Forest School of Medicine
- **Sept. 30: Bias in AI-Supported Emergency Department Triage: An Institutional Accountability Perspective for Health Informatics** | Anuradha Rangarajan, PhD, Assistant Professor, East Carolina University

Student Government

NEWS

Association of Data Science Welcomes New Officers

The **Association of Data Science (ADS)** supports undergraduate students with a passion for data through events, workshops, networking, and professional development opportunities. ADS welcomes all SDS undergraduates interested in getting involved, planning events, joining a committee, or sharing ideas. Watch the SDS newsletter for upcoming events and opportunities to connect with ADS. Stay updated on events through SDS email newsletters, or follow us on **LinkedIn**, **Instagram**, or **Linktree**.



Upcoming Event for the ADS

- **Snowflake/Tableau Workshop - September 21st, 6 - 7 PM, Mebane Hall 419**
 - Join us for an intro to Snowflake and Tableau.
- **Career Workshop - October 5th, 6 - 7 PM, Mebane Hall 419**
 - Join us for a meeting where Dylan Benson, former ADS president and current Honeywell Analyst, will give career advice.



The **Graduate SDS Student Council** is excited to present a multitude of events this fall for you to attend! Our first events of the semester will be held in September:

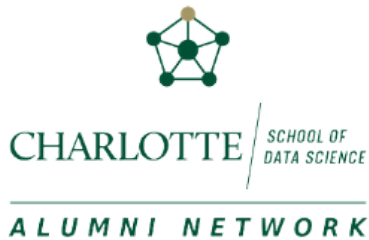
- **Resume Building Workshop- Sept 23th: 6-7 pm at the Dubois Center-** Join us as Natalia Walker (SDS Graduate Student Council VP) leads a workshop on building stronger, more competitive resumes. Be sure to RSVP through the [linktr.ee](https://linktr.ee/cltsdsgraduatestudentcouncil) link below.

The other events we have planned are:

- Oct 7th- Agentic AI Flow
- Oct 21st- Turning Projects into a Portfolio
- Oct 24th- Community Service Event

If you have any questions, please email (cltsdsgraduatestudentcouncil@gmail.com) or connect through **LinkTree**: <https://linktr.ee/cltsdsgraduatestudentcouncil>.

Alumni CORNER



New SDS Alumni Network on LinkedIn!- The **School of Data Science Alumni Network** is now on LinkedIn! Current students and alums can use the group to stay connected, find career opportunities, share professional experiences, and learn about SDS events and alums news. The network is just getting started, and we need your help to grow it. Follow the group, introduce yourself, and invite others in the SDS community to join. **Join Today!**

Update Your Alumni Information- Keep your contact and professional information current to receive updates about SDS alum events, news, and opportunities.

Update Your Information Here

Alums: Share Opportunities with SDS Students

Looking to hire SDS talent? You can:

1. **Feature a job or internship in the SDS Student Newsletter.** Send opportunities to **Josh Hertel** at **jhertel@charlotte.edu**.
2. **Post through Hire-A-Niner.** UNC Charlotte alums can post jobs and internships for free and target specific majors and degree levels. For assistance, contact the Career Center Employer Engagement Team at **recruit@charlotte.edu**.



Help us connect SDS students, alums, and employers!

Niner Nation Week: September 27-October 4

Celebrate **Niner Nation Week** with events on campus and throughout the Charlotte community! Cheer on the Niners at **Festival in the Park, September 25–27**, and volunteer to support Charlotte's tent. Celebrate UNC Charlotte's Alumni Campus Employees at the **ACE Awards & Appreciation Luncheon** by registering by September 21. Connect with fellow Niners at Niner Nation Week socials, or sign up to volunteer and help make the week happen!



Data Science IN THE NEWS

What's Happening in North Carolina's Tech Job Market?

NC TECH's latest [IT Job Trends Dashboard](#) provides a snapshot of the state's technology employment landscape. August IT job postings declined 8% from July and 5.7% year over year, reflecting a more cautious and uneven hiring environment. The dashboard tracks trends by region, job title, skills and certifications, experience level, wages, and top hiring companies. For students preparing for careers in technology, it offers valuable insight into emerging opportunities and the skills employers are seeking. [Explore the latest IT Job Trends Dashboard.](#)

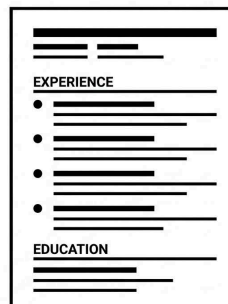


Job Search RESOURCES

Submit Your Resume For the Spring 2027 Resume Books

Submit your resume for the Spring 2027 Resume Books. Each semester, SDS compiles resume books for students actively seeking internships and full-time positions. We share these with our industry and community partners to help connect students with potential opportunities. If you would like to be included, please complete the appropriate form:

- Spring 2027 SDS Resume Book: Internships
- Spring 2027 SDS Resume Book: Full-Time Positions



Career Tips: 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**.

Return to the settings menu at any time to update or delete saved alerts. A few minutes of setup can help ensure you never miss relevant opportunities!

Jobs, Fellowships,
AND INTERNSHIPS

Job Postings

Explore Summer 2027 Internship Opportunities at Lowe's:

Lowe's is offering internship opportunities for students interested in technology, data science, AI, analytics, and other fields. Gain hands-on experience, work alongside industry professionals, and build skills in a Fortune 100 company. Explore available opportunities and start planning for your summer.



Explore Lowe's Internship Opportunities

Apply Today: Senior AI Engineer – Physical AI at Lowe's: Lowe's is hiring a Senior AI Engineer to develop and operationalize Physical AI systems across stores and supply chain. The role brings together robotics, computer vision, machine learning, MLOps, and data engineering. Based at Lowe's Charlotte Technology Hub. Apply today and explore this opportunity!

Full-Time Opportunity: U.S. Bank- U.S. Bank is hiring for its 2027 Fixed Income, Currencies and Commodities (FICC) Full-Time Development Program – Macro and Commodities!

This program is designed for students interested in capital markets and offers hands-on experience in areas such as rates, foreign exchange (FX), repo, and commodities. Analysts will support sales, trading, and structuring teams through market research, pricing and valuation, transaction execution, financial analysis, and client-facing materials while receiving structured training and mentorship. Candidates should be pursuing a bachelor's degree in Financial Engineering, Computer Science, Mathematics, or a related field and graduating in December 2026 or Spring 2027. The program begins July 12, 2027, and the role is fully onsite.

LEARN MORE AND APPLY



Explore Early Career Opportunities with TIAA | Friday, October 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Interested in launching your career in financial services, technology, analytics, or business? **TIAA's Early Career ASPIRE Event** offers students an immersive day at TIAA's Charlotte office to learn about 2027 internship opportunities, experience TIAA's culture, and connect with professionals.

Eligible students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA, graduate between Fall 2027 and Spring 2029, and have U.S. work authorization without current or future sponsorship requirements. **Sign up today for more information and to explore this opportunity!**

Internships

- **Single-Family Data Intern- Summer 2027**, Freddie Mac, McLean, VA
- **Summer 2027 Internship – Technology – Data & AI**, Ally, Charlotte, NC and Detroit, MI
- **2027 Summer Intern: Data Science**, Spectrum, Charlotte, NC
- **Data Analyst Summer Intern**, Moody's, Charlotte, NC
- **2027 AI & Analytics Intern**, Trane Technologies, Davidson, NC
- **2027 Summer Intern Program - Data Strategy**, SMBC, Charlotte, NC

Jobs

- [Business Data Analyst \(Contract\)](#), Wells Fargo, Charlotte, NC
- [Data Analyst, Specialist](#), Vanguard, Multiple Locations
- [Associate Data Scientist | Home Client Services](#), Red Ventures, Charlotte, NC
- [Research Data Scientist](#), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Raleigh, NC
- [Aspire Tech Graduate Data Scientist I](#), LexisNexis, Raleigh, NC



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