



September 8 STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the School of Data Science Newsletter!

It's an exciting time to be an SDS student. As we kick off the semester, we're celebrating a major milestone: we now have 1,012 students enrolled in the School of Data Science! This growth reflects the incredible work of our faculty, staff, partners, and—most importantly—our creative and hardworking students.



To stay ahead this semester, take advantage of our packed calendar of professional seminars, career workshops, and recruitment events.

- **Today:** Join us for **Eddie Mitchell from the Joe Gibbs Human Performance** Institute at 4:00 p.m. (Dubois Center, Room 905) to discuss AI in sports.
- **Wednesday:** **Dr. Haopeng Zhang** presents a virtual seminar on “Learning Health from Text and Wearable Biosignals” at 4:00 p.m.
- **Next Week:** Don't miss AWS on campus for “Cracking the Cloud” and our graduate focus session for spring 2027 internships.

Stay on top of registration deadlines by checking your inbox regularly. Whether you are seeking an internship, exploring careers, or preparing for graduation, be sure to join a Career Community in Hire-A-Niner, submit your resume for our **Spring 2027 Resume Books**, and mark your calendar for the Career Fair on September 25. Get involved, take advantage of these resources, and make it a standout semester!

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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- September 17 Deadline to apply for December 2026 Graduation*
- September 28 Spring 2027 Schedule of Classes available on the web
- September 29 Master's Thesis Proposal Defense Deadline for December 2026 Graduation
- September 15-18 Technology | Data | Analytics Community Week
- September 25 **Fall Career and Internship Fair**

Program Updates AND CAMPUS NEWS

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.

Required Registration Advising for DTSC & SPOA Undergraduates

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

- **Detailed Information Email:** Keep an eye on your inbox during the **week of September 14th** for a detailed email with specific instructions, advising schedules, and instructions on how to book your appointment.
- **Course Registration Opens:** Class registration for the upcoming term officially begins the **week of October 26th**.



Please check your student email regularly so you can schedule your advising session early and ensure a smooth registration process!

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:

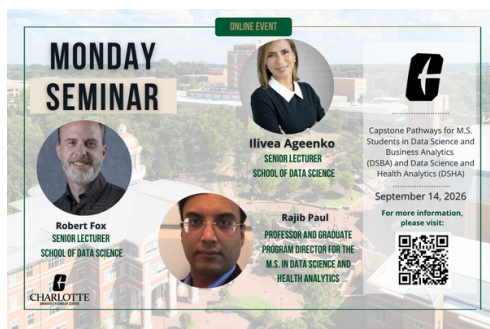
- **Data Science Major (DTSC)**
- **Sports Analytics Major (SPOA)**
- **Sports Analytics Certificate (SPOA Cert)**

Note: The Sports Analytics (SPOA) Certificate is exclusively available to current DTSC majors. SPOA majors cannot be a SPOA Certificate student. To submit a



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.

A Perspective on AI in Sports | Tuesday, September 8 | 4:00–5:00 p.m.- Eddie Mitchell, Joe Gibbs Human Performance Institute / Joe Gibbs Racing, will share an applied perspective on AI in sports, drawing on his work leading AI and R&D initiatives focused on athlete performance, biomechanics, and motorsports—**registration required.**



Capstone Pathways for M.S. Students in Data Science and Business Analytics (DSBA) and Data Science and Health Analytics (DSHA). September 14, 4:00-5:00 pm. Also, we will host a virtual session for graduate students on Monday, September 14, to discuss capstone options for the DSBA and DSHA programs. Please register today and join us for this live Q&A session with the faculty.

Jobs of the Future: Building the Agent-Driven Enterprise | Tuesday, September 15 | 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Vijay Mohan, Partner at AuxoAI, will share an applied perspective on Agentic AI in the enterprise, drawing on his work leading AI-powered business transformation, forward-deployed engineering initiatives, and digital operations across global organizations—**registration required.**



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.

**Cracking the Code: Cracking the Cloud:
How AWS Certifications Build Real Cloud
Careers | Date & Time: Wednesday,
September 16 | 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM (In-
Person)**

Location: Woodward 335- Go beyond memorizing exam questions and learn what employers actually look for. AWS Subject Matter Expert Lucas Little breaks down the certification roadmap, showing you how to translate foundational knowledge into real-world cloud engineering and consulting opportunities.

The poster has a dark blue background with a glowing blue cloud icon at the top right. The title 'CRACKING THE CLOUD:' is in large, bold, white and blue letters. Below it, the subtitle 'HOW AWS CERTIFICATIONS BUILD REAL CLOUD CAREERS' is in smaller white letters. A paragraph of text describes the workshop's focus on moving beyond memorization to real-world application. At the bottom left, a blue box contains the date and time 'WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 | 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM' and the location 'WOODWARD 335'. To the right of this box is a QR code with 'RSVP' written above it. At the bottom left, a yellow star icon is next to the text 'THIS WORKSHOP QUALIFIES FOR THE NINER CAREER CHALLENGE!'.

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. This edition focuses on the Career Center.

Find Your Career Community: Your major is just one part of your career journey. Career Communities, offered through the UNC Charlotte Career Center, connect you with industry-focused resources, events, job opportunities, networking, and career coaching—regardless of your major. Interested in technology, data, or analytics? Join the Technology, Data & Analytics Career Community in Hire-A-Niner to receive tailored opportunities and career resources. Each Career Community has targeted workshops, training sessions, networking opportunities, and a dedicated **Job Board**. Don't wait—log in to Hire-A-Niner, choose your Career Community today, and start connecting your interests and skills to your future career!

- Explore Career Communities
- Join in Hire-A-Niner

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- **Technology | Data | Analytics Community Week | September 15–18-** Join employers including **TIAA, SMBC, and Ahold Delhaize** for career conversations, employer networking, workshops, and professional development opportunities focused on technology, data, and analytics. Events

include employer meet-and-greets, career coaching, an information security career talk, internship and co-op strategies, and more. **Explore the full schedule and register for upcoming events through Niner Engage.**



- **Professional Clothing Closet-** Need professional attire for an interview, career fair, networking event, or internship? The Career Center's Professional Clothing Closet provides students with free professional clothing, including suits, blazers, dresses, button-down shirts, ties, and more. Students can select up to four items per semester, with a range of sizes available. The closet is located in the Career Center in the Atkins Annex, beside the library, and is open Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Stop by and find what you need to put your best foot forward! [Learn more about the Professional Clothing Closet.](#)



- **Career Center Events: Featured Upcoming Workshops & Events:** Ready to level up your professional game? The Career Center is hosting a great mix of events this semester to get you career-ready. From hands-on resume workshops and direct employer meet-ups to networking socials, there's something for everyone! Don't miss out - check out the [UNC Charlotte Career Center website](#) to view the full lineup and RSVP today!



- **Career Meet Up: Effective Cover Letter Writing**
- **Demystifying the Application Process - Led by Compass Group USA**
- **Deloitte Consulting: Resume Workshop**
- **Career Meet Up: Using AI in the Internship Search**
- **Fall Career and Internship Fair**

Other Events AND WORKSHOPS

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.

- **NC TECH Young Tech Professional Network: Learn About Mentorship | September 15, 2026 | Virtual-** Strong

mentorship can build confidence, expand professional networks, and open doors to career opportunities. Join **NC TECH and the SetFIRE Foundation** for a conversation about the impact of mentorship in helping college students prepare for careers in technology. Whether you're an experienced professional, early-career leader, educator, or simply interested in supporting the next generation of tech talent, this virtual event is an opportunity to learn more about mentoring college students and connect with others committed to developing future leaders.



- **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.](#)***



**Carolina Health
Informatics Program**

- **Health Informatics Seminar Series:** Please join us for this week's Health Informatics Seminar Series on Wednesday, September 9, from 4:00–5:00 p.m.- **virtual session.**

Dr. Haopeng Zhang, Assistant Professor in UNC Charlotte's School of Data Science, will present "Learning Health from Text and Wearable Biosignals." Dr. Zhang will explore how AI can uncover personalized health patterns from wearable data and extract structured knowledge from biomedical text, highlighting recent advances in AI-driven health research.



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.

We are pleased to welcome the 2026–27 ADS officers: **Joe Conrad, President; Isabella Broughton, Event Coordinator; Nadia Narayanan, Treasurer; and Kashika Chaudhary, Secretary.**



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

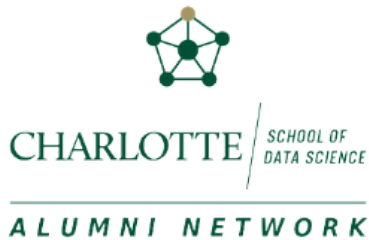
- Recurring meetings on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month.
- The next meeting is on September 21st!



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 9th: 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 in collaboration with Elona Ellis from the Career Center.
- **DSHA Alumni Event** - Sept 24th, 6- 7 pm at the Dubois Center - DSHA and DSBA students are invited to learn what Data Science & Health Analytics looks like from two professionals at Advocate Health.

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**.



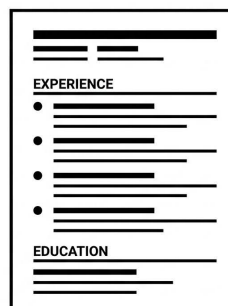
Help us connect SDS students, alums, and employers!

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:



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- **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 INTERSHIPS

Job Postings

- **Summer 2027 Internship Opportunities: Duke Energy**

Duke Energy is now accepting applications for its Summer 2027 Internship Program! These opportunities offer students hands-on experience working alongside industry professionals and contributing to meaningful, real-world projects across a variety of fields. Internship areas include Information Technology, Telecommunications, Digital Forensics, and Design Thinking. Students interested in gaining practical experience while developing their professional and technical skills are encouraged to explore the available positions and apply. [LEARN MORE & APPLY](#)

- **Full-Time Job Opportunity: Manager, Card Business Analytics at Merrick Bank**

Merrick Bank is hiring a Manager, Card Business Analytics to support analytics, strategy, testing, valuation, and data-driven decision-making across its credit card business. This is primarily an individual contributor role and could be a strong fit for recent graduates and early-career professionals with quantitative and analytical backgrounds. The role involves working with large datasets, developing and evaluating credit strategies, conducting A/B and multivariate testing, monitoring portfolio performance, and translating analytical insights into business recommendations. Candidates should have strong skills in Python, SQL, and Excel/VBA, with experience in Power BI or Tableau also valued. [LEARN MORE & APPLY](#)

- **Analyst – Management Consulting | World Wide Technology**

(WWT) is hiring Analysts for its Solutions Consulting & Engineering team, with May–August 2027 start dates. This role is a great fit for students and recent graduates interested in data science, AI, technology, analytics, and management consulting. Analysts work directly with clients to solve complex business problems, develop analytical and technology solutions, create data visualizations, and present recommendations. 0–2 years of experience and a recent internship are required. Estimated base salary is \$80,000–\$90,000. Interested? Learn more and apply for WWT job #26-2325.

Internships

- [2027 Summer Intern Program - Data Strategy, SMBC, Charlotte, NC](#)
- [2027 AI & Analytics Intern, Trane Technologies, Davidson, NC](#)
- [Campus Graduate Masters Summer Internship Program - 2027 Data Analytics, American Express, New York, NY](#)

- [Data Science Intern](#), Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Multiple Locations
- [AI, Data & Technology Intern - Summer 2027](#), Grant Thornton, Charlotte, NC
- [Quantitative Data Analyst Summer Analyst Program](#), Bank of America, Multiple Locations
- [Intern 2027 - Service Transformation & Data Analytics](#), LPL Financial, Fort Mill, SC

Jobs

- [Sr. Data Engineer - GM Motorsports](#), General Motors, Concord, NC
- [Junior Business Analyst and Data Analyst](#), AstaCRS Inc, United States
- [Senior Data Engineer](#), Guidehouse, Charlotte, NC
- [DATA SCIENTIST - 264](#), Santee Cooper, Moncks Corner, SC
- [2027 Quantitative Analytics Program Capital Markets \(Master's\) – Early Careers](#), Wells Fargo, Charlotte, NC
- [Associate Data Scientist, 2027 - AI & Data Analytics](#), IBM, Durham, NC



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