

## October 5 STUDENT NEWSLETTER

### *Welcome to the School of Data Science Newsletter!*

There is a lot happening across SDS this October. The School has officially crossed the **1,000-student milestone**, reaching 1,012 students this fall and marking roughly 150% growth since 2021.



Spring registration is also underway. **Graduate advising sessions for DSBA and DSHA students are October 6–7**, a new Spring 2027 graduate course guide is available. Undergraduate advising is ongoing! DTSC and SPOA students should complete required advising before registration. Students interested in a **Spring 2027 TA or IA position** can also apply now.

Beyond the classroom, October brings career workshops, employer events, the 3MT research competition, the Analytics Cup, SDS professional seminars, student organization activities, internships, and new job opportunities. Do not miss the October 20 SDS seminar, **“Think Like a Consultant: Business Strategy for Data Scientists,”** featuring Joe Keating of Sia.

**There is much more inside. Read and download the full October 5 SDS Student Newsletter for upcoming deadlines, events, career opportunities, campus resources, and ways to get involved.**

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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# 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.

- 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

### Latest Enrollment Update for The School of Data Science: Fall 2026



The School of Data Science has crossed a major milestone: enrollment has exceeded 1,000 students for the first time! Fall 2026 enrollment reached 1,012, up from 930 in Fall 2025. Five years ago, SDS enrolled just 406 students, representing roughly 150% growth since Fall 2021.

The story behind that growth is changing. While graduate programs fueled much of SDS's earlier expansion, undergraduate programs now account for approximately 69% of enrollment. Data Science remains the School's largest program, growing from 95

students in Fall 2021 to 420, while the rapidly expanding Sport Analytics program has reached 278 students, up from 161 last fall.

Graduate programs are facing a more challenging enrollment environment. Data Science and Business Analytics (DSBA) currently enrolled 259 students, down from its Fall 2024 peak of 290. Data Science and Health Analytics (DSHA), formerly Health Informatics, enrolled 37 students this fall. Encouragingly, DSHA applications increased from 41 last year to 55 in Fall 2026 as the program undergoes a significant curriculum revision. Both DSBA and DSHA have also been affected by declines in international applications and enrollment. Meanwhile, the emerging Data Science PhD has grown to 15 students, including six new students this fall.

Overall, SDS continues to grow and evolve, with a broader portfolio of programs and undergraduate enrollment increasingly driving the School's expansion. [Download the full Fall 2026 Enrollment Report here.](#)

### Take the DataCamp Survey TODAY!



As we reach the midpoint of our four-year contract, we want to hear from SDS students and faculty about whether you use DataCamp regularly, occasionally, or not at all. Your feedback will help us decide whether to continue offering it beyond

## 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](https://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.

## New Resource: Spring 2027 Graduate Course Offerings

Planning your Spring 2027 schedule? SDS has compiled a new resource highlighting **core, elective, and special topics courses** available to DSBA and DSHA graduate students, including options in Agentic AI, large language models,

cloud computing, data mining, machine learning, health analytics, and more. Please use this guide to explore your options and plan ahead. **Please consult Banner Self-Service for official course times, locations, availability, and registration information**, and review DegreeWorks to ensure courses fit your individual degree plan. [See the list here.](#)

## 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.**



## SPOA Students: The Analytics Cup Returns



**SkillCorner X PySport** has returned with Analytics Cup 2.0, a hackathon-style competition where participants choose their own challenge. This year, the competition introduces a new Basketball dataset alongside Football. Selected finalists from Europe or the USA will present their work in Paris or Boston. The competition is open to anyone worldwide, and entries can be submitted individually or as teams of two. **Registration opens September 9th and closes December 18.**

Finalists will be announced **January 8, 2027**. [Register Here.](#)

## Campus Events

### CCI AND SDS

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.

**Think Like a Consultant: Business Strategy for Data Scientists Tuesday | October 20th | 4pm to 5pm - Joe Keating,** Manager in Data, AI & Quantitative at Sia, will share practical consulting frameworks to help data scientists deconstruct vague business problems, align with stakeholder needs, and deliver insights that drive real decisions—join us to learn how to turn analysis into impact; **registration required.**



## 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.

- **GluTrend Employer in the Foyer | Tuesday, October 6 | 11:00 AM–1:45 PM | Woodward Hall, Second Floor:** Meet the GluTrend team and explore opportunities at the intersection of AI, software development, data and health analytics, and bioinformatics. Stop by to learn about the company and receive professional development feedback. No appointment necessary; drop-ins welcome. **Learn More About GluTrend.**
- **Approaching Generative AI with C.A.R.E. | Tuesday, October 6 | 2:00–3:00 PM | Virtual:** Learn to use AI without losing sight of critical thinking. This interactive workshop introduces the C.A.R.E. framework for assessing AI-generated content, checking claims against trusted sources, identifying bias, and strengthening your research. **Learn More & Register.**
- **Interview Tips for Positions in the U.S. | Tuesday, October 6 | 3:00–4:00 PM | Virtual:** Prepare for your next interview with practical strategies for navigating U.S. workplace expectations. Learn about common interview formats and questions, professional communication, and how to highlight your skills and experience with confidence. **Learn More & Register**
- **Lunch and Learn with Agilent: The Digital & Automated Lab: How Technology Is Transforming Science | Wednesday, October 7th, 2026 Bioinformatics 310 12:15pm-1:30pm Must Register via Hire A Niner:** **<https://hireaniner.charlotte.edu/events/4564>** From automation and digital workflows to connected technologies, AI, machine learning, and enterprise solutions, the modern laboratory is becoming increasingly digital. Join Agilent to explore how these innovations are transforming lab operations, enabling smarter workflows and data-driven decision making, shaping the future of scientific work, and defining the skills students will need to succeed in an increasingly technology-driven industry.



- **A Student's Guide to Navigating the Technical Interview | Wednesday, October 7 | 5:00–6:00 PM | Virtual:** Preparing for a technical interview? Hear

from interviewing expert Aline Lerner and industry panelists about what employers are looking for, how AI is changing technical interviews, common candidate mistakes, and strategies for strengthening your internship and job search. [Learn More & Register](#)

- **CCI Early Entry Internship and Research Panel**  
**Thursday, October 8th 4pm-5pm Woodward 335**  
Are you currently in the Early Entry program or considering joining? Join us for an upcoming panel discussion featuring current and former Early Entry students as they share their insights on securing internships, landing research opportunities, and navigating the transition between undergraduate and graduate coursework.



• **Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) Competition- Registration**  
**Deadline: October 9 | Preliminary Rounds: October 15-19 | Final: November 13: Can you explain your research in just three minutes? The Three Minute**

**Thesis (3MT®) Competition challenges Charlotte master's and doctoral students to present their original research clearly and compellingly using just one slide. Participants receive coaching, build valuable communication skills, and compete for cash prizes of \$750 to \$1,500. The first-place winner will also represent Charlotte at the regional competition in Arlington, Virginia, with travel expenses covered.**

[Learn More About 3MT](#) | [Register by October 9, 2026](#)



## Undergraduate Out of State Students: See Yourself at UNC Charlotte

Many UNC Charlotte students come from various places out of North Carolina. The shift from being at home to coming out of state can be difficult for many. We want students to be able to find their community and make Charlotte feel like home.

We want to hear **your testimonial** and how your experience coming to a university out of state has shaped your personal journey as a student.

Please click [here](#) to access the *See Yourself at Charlotte Student Spotlight* to express your feelings moving away from home, and how you found your place at UNC Charlotte.

## University Center for Academic Excellence (UCAE)

University Center for Academic Excellence (UCAE) – Struggling with a tough class? Need extra support to maintain your grades? The University Center for Academic Excellence (UCAE) has you covered. They offer free tutoring, peer mentoring, and workshops that make studying much easier. Whether you're seeking help with a challenging subject, time management tips, or strategies to ace your exams, UCAE is the place to be. The best part? Everything is free and specifically designed for Niner students like you. [Explore more: UCAE](#)

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## UNC Charlotte Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)

College is exciting, but it can also be stressful. CAPS is here to support your mental health and well-being with free, confidential counseling, workshops, and drop-in groups on topics like stress management and mindfulness. Whether you're looking for someone to talk to, strategies to manage anxiety, or guidance through life's challenges, CAPS offers a safe and welcoming space for all Niners. Remember: caring for your mental health is just as important as keeping up with your classes. [Learn more: caps.charlotte.edu](https://caps.charlotte.edu)

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## 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.

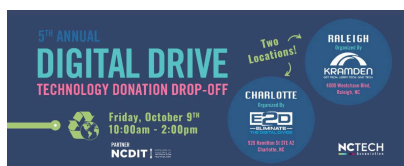
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[citgov.me/internships](http://citgov.me/internships)

**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**



- **Digital Drive | Friday, October 9 | 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.:** Give unused technology a second life. NC TECH, Kramden Institute, and E2D are hosting a free drop-off for computers, laptops, tablets, and other accepted equipment at E2D, 920 Hamilton St.

in Charlotte. Your donation can help others gain access to technology. Drive through for a quick drop-off, or stay to meet the partners and enjoy refreshments. **Register to receive an event reminder.**

- **MetLife | October 14, 2026, 4:00–5:00 p.m.**  
Hear from early-career technology professionals about internships, the transition to full-time roles, mentorship, and skills for success. A live Q&A follows the panel. **Register for MetLife.**
- **Deutsche Bank | October 15, 2026, 1:00–2:00 p.m.**  
Meet company representatives and learn about the Cary technology campus, workplace culture, and current opportunities. **Register for Deutsche Bank.**



- **Charlotte Brews + Bytes | Wednesday, October 28 | 4:30-6:30pm@NoDa Brewing-** Join NCTECH for a casual social hour with Charlotte's tech community. Catch up with friends and colleagues, meet other tech professionals, and connect with the

NCTECH team.



## 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

- **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.



Graduate Study Hall

October 7th & 21st | 6pm-8pm | Dubois Center: Ideation Lab

Join us for a Graduate Study Hall, a relaxed, collaborative space to work through coursework, ask questions, and connect with fellow grad students.

### **Courses We Can Help With**

Student Council members will be on hand to answer questions about the core courses:

- **DSBA 5122: Visual Analytics**
- **DSBA 6160: Database Systems**
- **DSBA 6201: Business Intelligence and Analytics**
- **DSBA 6211: Advanced Business Analytics**
- **DSBA 6276: Strategic Business Analytics**
- **DSBA 6156: Applied Machine Learning**

### **Why Stop By?**

- Get help with tricky concepts, assignments, or exam review
- Learn from students who have already taken these courses
- Study alongside classmates in a focused, supportive setting
- Meet your Student Council representatives

Drop in for as long as you like. No registration needed. Just bring your laptop, your questions, and your classmates!

### **Student Cleanup Day | October 24th | 1pm-3pm | Dubois Center**

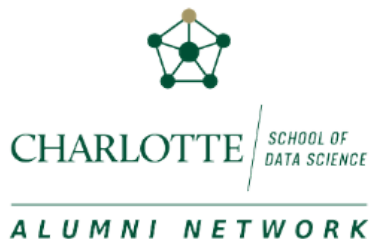
*Dubois Center*

Join fellow students for a few hours of community service to help keep our neighborhood clean and welcoming. Volunteers will meet at the Dubois Center, then split into small teams to pick up litter and tidy up streets, sidewalks, and green spaces in the surrounding area.

No experience is needed, and you're welcome to come with friends or on your own. Gloves, trash bags, and grabbers will be provided. Please wear comfortable clothes and closed-toe shoes, and bring a refillable water bottle. It's an easy way to meet other students, give back to the community, and earn volunteer hours.

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





**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**

## Coffee & Connect

**Coffee and Connect** is an open hour for students, faculty, and alumni of the **School of Data Science**. Come to meet **people**, **trade notes** and **grow the network**. Bring a question, leave with a few names.



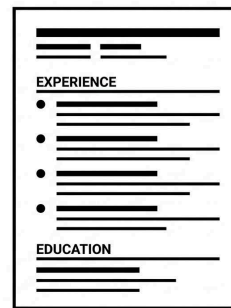
## Job Search RESOURCES

## 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

**Pricing Analyst - LTL**: RXO is hiring a Pricing Analyst in Charlotte. Put your data skills to work analyzing freight costs, building pricing models, and developing proposals for customers in the transportation industry. This full-time, onsite role calls

for strong Excel skills and at least one year of pricing or analytics experience. **Apply today.**

## Internships

- **College to Corporate IT Internship – Data Science**, Vanguard, Malvern, PA
- **Information Systems, IT, Cyber Engineer & Data Science** - Summer 2027 Intern, Honeywell, United States
- **Future Leaders Program - Data Intern**, USAA, Charlotte, NC and San Antonio, TX
- **2027 Summer Intern: Data Science**, Spectrum, Greenwood Village, CO
- **METx D&A Intern**, MetLife, Cary, NC
- **Summer Analyst (Technology & AI Exploration)**, Accenture Federal Services, Washington, DC1

## Jobs

- **Data Scientist I, Truist**, Charlotte, NC
- **Basketball Data Scientist (New Grad Summer 2027)**, The Utah Jazz, Salt Lake City, UT
- **Data Scientist**, RegLab - Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA
- **Data Scientist, 2027 Graduate U.S.**, Atlassian, Seattle, WA
- **Data Scientist / ML Engineer - Analytics and Insights Engineer III**, Deloitte, Multiple Locations
- **Healthcare Supply Chain & Data Analytics Consultant**, Deloitte, Multiple Locations



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