November 2 STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the School of Data Science Newsletter!

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.*



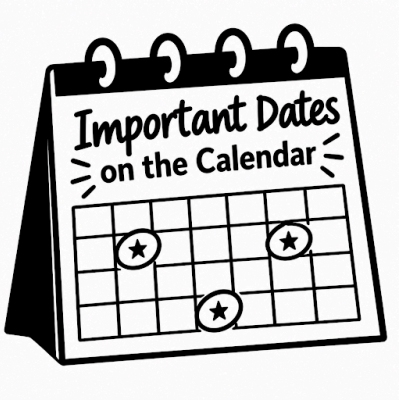


Important Campus Dates

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.*

- November 11 Veterans Day – No Classes
- November 12 Doctoral Dissertation Defense Deadline

- November 16 Last day to submit doctoral dissertations for December graduation
- November 21 Final Examinations for Saturday classes
- November 25 – November 28 Thanksgiving Break – No Classes
- December 2 Last day of classes
- December 3 Reading Day
- December 4 – December 10 **Final Examinations**
- December 7 Master's Thesis Defense Deadline
- December 10 Last Day to submit Master's Thesis for December graduation
- December 10 Summer 2027 Schedule of Classes Available on the Web
- December 11 – December 12, 2026 **Commencement**



Campus RESOURCES



Niner Finances: Managing money can feel overwhelming, but you don't have to do it alone! Niner Finances at Charlotte offers workshops, one-on-one coaching, and resources to help you with budgeting, credit, saving, and planning for the future. Whether you're figuring out how to stretch your paycheck, planning for student loan repayment, or just want to build stronger financial habits, this office is here to support you.

The Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition, sponsored by Raju Law, challenges graduate students to present their research to a general audience in 3 minutes or less with no jargon allowed. All master's and doctoral students currently involved in research are encouraged to participate, even if your research is not yet complete. The final round takes place on November 13, 2026 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at Fretwell 100, with cash prizes of $1,500, $1,000, and $750 for the top three finalists, plus an all-expenses-paid trip to the regional competition for first place.

RSVP To Attend Here

Learn More Here

The Office of Adult Students and Evening Services (OASES): Services (OASES) Balancing school, work, and life as an adult or evening student takes extra support — and that's precisely what OASES provides. From academic advising to mentoring programs, workshops, and a dedicated study space, OASES is designed to help

you succeed at UNC Charlotte. Whether you're returning to school, juggling responsibilities, or taking evening classes, OASES connects you with the resources and community you need.

Microsoft AI Security Solutions AI Lunch and Learn
Thurs., Nov. 5, 12pm-1pm, Woodward 335
Whether you are curious about getting hired in cybersecurity, navigating career paths from public sector to tech giants like Microsoft and AWS, or wanting an insider look at how emerging agentic AI tools like Security Copilot are reshaping everyday work, this is your chance to ask anything.
SPACE LIMITED! RSVP REQUIRED!

Lincoln Financial Group Presents: Think Like a Security Risk Assessor: How Risk Shapes Every Business and IT Decision
Thurs., Nov. 5, 5:30pm, Woodward 335
Co-hosted by The 49th Security Division & Women in Cyber Security
A hands-on session led by representatives of Lincoln Financial Group where students tackle a real IT and vendor risk case study and learn how to weigh risk against business value. Should a company approve a new AI-powered HR platform, and how should IT handle its login integration with sensitive employee data?? No security background required. RSVP HERE

Brooksource - Employer in the Foyer tabling
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 11am-2pm, Woodward Hall Second Floor
Stop by to talk with representatives from Brooksource to ask any career-related questions to the representatives as well as learn about their hiring opportunities. Drop Ins welcome.

1,000 Applications Later... Or One Chat Later?
Workshop hosted by Brooksource
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 3pm, Woodward 335
In this discussion, we focus on why networking is important to include in your job search for technology and engineering opportunities. A hot take - sometimes it can be better than applying for jobs on online job boards. **Niner Engage Link**



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.

Lowe's Internship Virtual Information Session

Looking for a summer internship? On **Wednesday, November 4 from 4-5 p.m.**, Lowe's will be hosting a virtual internship information session for students to learn more about their Summer Internship Program.

During this session, students will hear about intern experience, explore other internship opportunities across Lowe's and receive tips for navigating the application and interview process.

Click here to register



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**.

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If you have any questions, please email (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!**

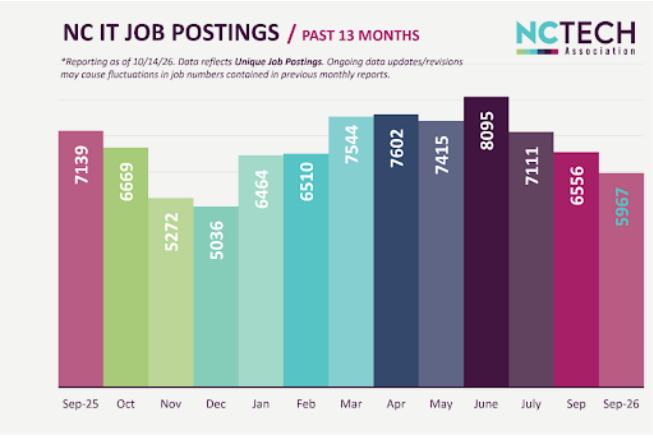
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ALUMNI NETWORK

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



NC and U.S. IT Job Postings Decline in September; U.S. Still Up from 2025



IT Hiring Update: North Carolina IT job postings fell 9% in September compared with August and 16.4% from September 2025, according to NC TECH. National postings declined 5.8% month over month but remained 10.5% above last year's level. For students exploring career opportunities, NC TECH's dashboard offers insights into hiring companies, job titles, in-demand skills, certifications, and wage trends. **Explore the full report and IT Job Trends Dashboard.**

Job Search RESOURCES

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!

Find Your Next Opportunity: NC TECH Job Board



Looking for your next career opportunity? The NC TECH Job Board connects job seekers with open positions at NC TECH member companies. To get started, visit the **NC TECH Job Board**, explore current listings, and subscribe to receive notifications when new positions are added. Select the job categories that interest you to stay informed about relevant opportunities.

Whether you're preparing to graduate or exploring your next professional step, add this resource to your search. **Sign up today and keep your job search moving!**



Job & Internship SEARCH RESOURCES

General Job Boards	Tech & Data Careers	Specialized Searches
Hire-A-Niner	Dice	Wellfound: Startup Jobs
LinkedIn	Data Jobs	Jobspresso: Remote Jobs

Muse	Crunchboard	Tech Jobs For Good
Uncubed	Just Tech Jobs	Hire Tech Ladies
Simplify	Built In	Diversify Tech

	Stack Overflow Jobs	Team Blind

Additional Resources for International Students

Resource	Description
Global Jobs	Job opportunities in international affairs and policy
GoinGlobal	Country-specific career guides and global job-search resources
H-1B Employer Data Hub	USCIS data on employers' H-1B petitions

MyVisaJobs	Visa sponsorship data and employer research tools
OPTNation	Job listings for international students seeking OPT opportunities
Ultimate H-1B Sponsor Checker	Browser extension highlighting potential H-1B sponsors on job boards
H1B Visa Jobs	Job-search resources focused on H-1B sponsorship



Know a Graduate Student looking to jump-start a career in Data Science?

The Hartford's Data Science Summer 2027 Internship is now open! This 11-week program gives Master's and Ph.D. students the opportunity to work on real-world machine learning and AI solutions, learn from experienced data science leaders, and build connections across our Data Science & Analytics community.

Internships

- **METx D&A Intern**, MetLife, Cary, NC
- **2027 Summer Intern: Business Analyst, Spectrum**, Town of Stamford, Connecticut
- **Data Analyst - Internship**, SeatGeek, New York, NY
- **Undergraduate - Data & Analytics Intern**, The NBA, New York, NY
- **Digital Marketing Analyst Intern**, Pillar4 Media, Charlotte, NC
- **Supply Chain Analytics Intern**, Wonder, New York, NY

Jobs

- **Data Scientist I**, Bank of America, Charlotte, NC; Atlanta, GA
- **Data Integrity Project Analyst**, TEKsystems, Durham, NC
- **Data Analyst**, Kintegra Health, Gastonia, NC
- **Quality Lead** - Data Centric, enGen, Olympia, WA
- **Entry Level Transportation Safety Analyst**, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Multiple Locations
- **Data Quality Analyst**, ICF, Multiple Locations



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