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Welcome all to the latest edition of the SDS Student Newsletter!

As always we have a full edition with information about commencement, upcoming events, seminars, training sessions, and job postings. We understand that the volume of information can be overwhelming, particularly with exams and commencement right around the corner. This is our regular effort to try and collect and condense information for you! A reminder that we are not the only resource available to you in your academic and professional life. The School of Data Science lives in five Colleges at UNC Charlotte: **CCI**, **CHHS**, **CLAS**, **BCOB**, and- *as of October 2021-* the **William States Lee College of Engineering**. Highlighting just one valuable resource, The College of Computing and Informatics publishes their own newsletter with job and internship information from their business partners. All graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to take advantage of their internship listing and to participate in posted workshops. Download their latest newsletter **HERE**. We send our best wishes for a successful completion of the semester and Heartfelt congratulations to our fall graduates!

Important UPDATES

Graduation Updates:

Congratulations on your upcoming **GRADUATION!** If you applied to graduate, here is what you need to know:

Commencement

- ALL graduate students attend the Graduate School Commencement on **Friday, December 17th at 2:00 pm**. Graduate students do **NOT** attend their individual college's ceremony.
- On the day of the ceremony, please report to the outdoor tented area between the Cato College of Education building and the Barnhardt Student Activity Center at 12:30 to pick up your name card.
- Line-up will take place in the **practice gym**. Graduating students must have a valid UNC Charlotte ID or a government-issued photo ID and their UNC Charlotte ID number to participate in commencement.
- Students should be wearing their full regalia to line-up. Do not bring personal items as there is nowhere to secure them. Anything you bring will have to be carried with you.
- A reception for all graduates and guests will be held immediately after the ceremony in the Student Union Multipurpose room. **Doctoral** students will be able to pick up their diploma at the reception. All other diplomas will be mailed.

Tickets

- All guests need tickets. You may request up to six (6) tickets using this link: <https://commencement.charlotte.edu/e-ticket>. The deadline is November 29th.
- Graduates and advisors who are walking in the ceremony do not need tickets
- More information on Commencement can be found online at <https://commencement.charlotte.edu/>.
- As the University continues to monitor the impacts of COVID-19, the [commencement website](#) will be updated if ceremony plans are altered.

Important Dates

- December 8: Last Day of Classes
- December 9: Reading Day
- December 10-16: Final Exams (Check the exam schedule for your classes!)

- December 17: [Fall Graduation & Commencement](#)
- December 17: Summer schedule of classes available on Banner
- December 24-January 3, 2022: Winter Break - *University Closed*
- January 10, 2022: First Day of Classes - Spring Semester
- **Save the Date: January 10, 2022 | 4:00-5:00pm.**
 - **Spring Orientation** (More details to come)

Questions Regarding Your Spring Tuition Bill?

As many of you know, graduate students enrolled in the DSBA and HIA programs are charged a special [School-Based Tuition Increment \(SBTI\)](#). This is an additional per-term assessment based on the number of enrolled credit hours each semester. In the past, [Early Entry students](#) had this fee automatically waived while they were classified as undergraduates. Students who were dually enrolled in the Certificate and MS program were only charged the SBTI once. Over the summer there was a change in how these fees are coded. As a result, it appears that some students may have a double charge for increments if they are enrolled in more than one academic program. You should only have one charge for the tuition increment. We requested the first round of waivers in late July. **PLEASE CHECK YOUR BILL FOR ERRORS.** If you feel that there is an error, please contact [Student Accounts](#) first to confirm the error. Once confirmed, you can contact [Carly Mahedy](#) to request a new waiver.

Graduate students enrolled in **dual-degree programs are initially billed tuition increments for both programs.** However, SDS and our partner programs have agreed to waive one of the increments per term. Students are responsible for contacting the appropriate program to request a waiver for one of the tuition increments each semester, ideally at the time of registration.

After we forward the waiver request to student accounts, the charges for both increments will remain on the student's account until the add/drop deadline has passed, but the student's registration will not be dropped for nonpayment of the waived amount.

Course Registration and Advising

If you have not yet registered for Spring courses, ***what are you waiting for?*** Be sure to enroll yourself via Banner Self Service as soon as possible, as many classes are already starting to fill. DSBA students, remember to send your course authorization requests to **Carly** or **Josh** for prior approval. Reach out with any questions or concerns.

Carly Mahedy

Josh Hertel

Special Topics Electives for Spring 2022

In addition to our regular electives (Cloud Computing, AI and Deep Learning, Project Management, etc.) we have a rich catalog of special topics options for this spring- see below!

Applying for Spring 2022 Graduate Assistantships

The SDS is now accepting Graduate Assistantship applications for the Spring 2022 semester. The portal will remain open until the end of the Fall 2021 semester to Apply please click on one of the links below:

[DSBA GA Application](#)

[HIA GA Application](#)

SDS funded Assistantships are usually 10 or 20 hour a week assignments. The SDS has special requirements for students holding these positions. You can read more on your respective programs website under the “Current Student” tab.

Mark Your
CALENDAR

SDS WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES:

Designing the Optimal Iteration Loop for AI Data

December 1, 2021 | 1:00pm

This session dives into essential and practical insights on how to structure a training data pipeline and create the ideal iteration loop for AI production, hosted by VentureBeat and Labelbox. Register below!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

ABD Society & UNC CHARLOTTE Speaker Series: **3D Virtual Comparison Microscopy in Firearm and Toolmark Examination**

December 2, 2021 | 12:00pm

UNC Charlotte and the School of Data Science are pleased to continue their partnership with the [Analytics and Big Data Society](#). This regular speaker series

brings together students, business leaders, thought leaders in the field of Data Science. This week's speaker, [Ryan Cadre](#), is the Chief Security officer for [Cadre Research Labs](#). The webinar will focus on the development of an accurate, fast, and economic 3D imaging and analysis system for firearm forensics.

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SDS WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES:

SIAPARTNERS 

How to Land your Dream Job - SIA Partners

December 8, 2021 | 4:00-5:00pm

In this last Wednesday session of 2021, Khalil Khouy (DSBA MS 2020) from [SIA Partners](#) will be talking more about the unconventional way to land your "dream" job in the Data Science field. Sia Partners is a global consulting firm with a fast growing presence in Charlotte, specifically in the area of Data Science. Sia is actively recruiting full-time positions and may have spring internship opportunities. Register below!

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Student
RESOURCES

NinerScholars Portal

2022-2023

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS OPEN!

LOG IN NOW!



To be eligible for scholarships, students must apply each year. Get started today!

The NinerScholars Portal is now open for students to apply for scholarships for the 2022-23 academic year. Visit the website below to start your application today!

[Scholarship Office Website](#)

On Track To Graduate?

DegreeWorks is a web-based planning tool that provides an accurate display of required coursework and helps students monitor their progress towards graduation. Students can access their real-time audit in DegreeWorks via my.uncc.edu and should routinely check their progress towards degree completion.

For any required courses that are in the Fall Through or Not Counted sections of DegreeWorks submit an Academic Petition that requests the courses be counted towards your program requirements.

If you believe your audit contains errors or the requirements do not match the catalog, students should contact:

Josh Hertel: jhertel@uncc.edu

Carly Mahedy: cfletcher@uncc.edu

If you began in the Certificate program and transferred to the Master's program:
Please review your DegreeWorks for both your certificate and master's program and complete an application to graduate from both programs.

Important!

TO READ THE ENTIRE NEWSLETTER CLICK "[VIEW ENTIRE MESSAGE](#)" AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS EMAIL FOR JOB OPPORTUNITIES!

To Learn More and Register for
Upcoming SDS Events
Visit the [SDS News & Events Page](#)

Student Council News

A huge thank you to everyone that made our events successful this semester!

We can't wait to see you at our future events:

- Mentorship Meetup- January
- Alumni Event- February
- Hackathon- March

Featured Job OPPORTUNITIES

UNC Charlotte's Career Center

Check out the latest Data Science related job and internship opportunities on UNC Charlotte's Career Center feed: [Hire-a-Niner/Data Science](#).

The Career Center has developed a special aggregating tool for Data Science students looking for internships or full-time placements. All postings in Hire-a-Niner that mention analytics or data science can be found with one click. There are a few odd postings, but in the main, there is a rich stream of HIA, DSBA, and DS postings to be found.

Undergraduate Research Assistant

- Applications due on December 10 by 5:00pm
- Undergraduate students ONLY

APPLY NOW

CDC Public Health Informatics Fellowship

- Applications due December 1

APPLY NOW

Odyssey - Logistics Analyst

APPLY NOW

Bank of America - Data Scientist I

APPLY NOW

Eclaro - Data Scientist

APPLY NOW

Mitchel Martin Inc. - Data Scientist

APPLY NOW

Genesis 10 - Data Scientist

APPLY NOW

**Goodwill Southern Piedmont -
Investigative Data Analyst**

- Applications due December 1, 2021

APPLY NOW

RED | VENTURES

Senior Paid Search Associate

APPLY NOW

Paid Social Analyst

APPLY NOW

Strategic Paid Search Analyst

APPLY NOW

**Syntelli - Associate Healthcare Analytics
Consultant**

APPLY NOW

The Hartford - Summer Internship

- Graduate students ONLY

APPLY NOW

**Tresetta - Undergraduate Summer
Internship**

APPLY NOW

