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Welcome all to the latest edition of the SDS Student Newsletter, our last for 2021! As you all hunker down for exams our best wishes are with you for a successful conclusion to the semester, and for a safe and restful holiday ahead. Spring classes will start on **January 10th**. Look below for more information regarding Graduation and the SDS Spring Orientation event. The Orientation is our regular kickoff for new and returning students, a chance to meet and network with peers and SDS staff, and to find out what events are coming up in spring. Stay safe all!

-Josh

Important
UPDATES

Spring 2022 Orientation

Please join us January 10, 2022 at the Orientation & Town Hall. This is for all new and continuing students. The event will be on the first day of classes from 4:00 - 5:15 PM in uptown Charlotte at the Center City building in the second floor lecture hall and atrium. Light refreshments will be served. Come hear about upcoming events, happenings within the School of Data Science, tips for a successful semester and more.

[RSVP Here](#)

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-tickets>. 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 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
- January 10, 2022 | 4:00-5:00pm: [Spring Orientation](#)

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!

[Full List of Special Topics Courses](#)

New Spring Course Offering: Structural Equation Modeling

The Department of Educational Leadership has reached out to SDS to let us know that they are offering an analytics course that may be of interest to upper level students in the DSBA or HIA programs. **RSCH 7150/8150** Structural Equation Modeling is offered every other year in the spring semester. If interested please contact Dr. Kyle Cox (Kyle.Cox@uncc.edu).

Course Description

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

University of South Carolina: Third Annual Big Data Health Science Case Competition

February 4-6, 2022

The 3rd Annual Big Data Health Science Case Competition will be held virtually between February 4-6, 2022 before the University of South Carolina’s National Big Data Health Science Conference, scheduled for February 11-12, 2022.

[More Information](#)



Save the Date!
February 4-6, 2022

University of South Carolina **2022 Big Data Health Science Virtual Student Case Competition**

- Online registration and payment is **now open!**
- [Click here](#) or scan the QR code to **visit the Case Competition Website**
- Registration Fee: \$150 per team (No more than 3 members and/or an advisor from a US academic institution of higher learning)
- Team Prizes:
 - 1st place: \$4,000
 - 2nd place: \$3,000
 - 3rd place: \$2,000
 - Non-ranking Finalists: Prize or Cash Awards
- **February 4th Afternoon:** Session opens with virtual meeting -
 - Welcome and overview
 - Rules, straw polling, case release
- **February 5th All Day** – Preliminary rounds
- **February 6th:** Final presentations
- **February 11th:** Winners formally announced and recognized at the **National Big Data Health Science Conference** during the opening session



**Big Data Health
Science Center**
University of South Carolina

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Student

RESOURCES

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.

Student Council News

We are so excited for this upcoming semester and can't wait for these events we have planned for you:

- 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.

[HIRE-A-NINER JOB LISTINGS](#)

Important!

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Senior Paid Search Associate

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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
