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**UCF Master of Science in Data Analytics**

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INAUGURAL CLASS TO GRADUATE

This interdisciplinary program prepared students to utilize the technical aspects of big data in this fast-growing field for companies, such as Walt Disney World, Deloitte, and Verizon.

Orlando, FL, [Date]— Gary T. Leavens, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, University of Central Florida (UCF) Department Computer Science, and Ivan Garibay, Ph.D., M.S., program director, are pleased to announce that the inaugural class of Master of Science in Data Analytics (MSDA) will graduate next month.

*“Dr. Leavens and I are extremely proud of this first cohort for their dedication and drive to complete this elite course in only 20 months, explains Dr. Garibay. “We are excited to see the contributions they will make to the big data industry and the outstanding work they will deliver to their employers.”*

MSDA utilizes the technical aspects of big data analytics, including algorithm design, programming, acquisition, management, mining, analysis, and interpretation of data. Data Analytics positions are in high demand, as companies are looking for professionals with technical skills to manage and interpret big data. 99 percent of the UCF MSDA graduating class have been offered positions in this emerging field, and most are remaining in Central Florida. Employers include Walt Disney World, and Verizon.

This 30-credit hour interdisciplinary program began in Fall 2016 and was offered jointly by the departments of Computer Science and Statistics; it was completed over 20 months via face-to-face instruction by UCF faculty on evenings and weekends at UCF’s Orlando campus. Applications for Fall 2018 will be accepted through July 15. Enrollment is limited to 34 students.

MSDA students, faculty and staff will gather on April 10, from 6pm – 8:30pm, at the Citrus Club to celebrate the program’s success.