

Master of Data Analytics Program at the University of Central Florida hosts first ever Women in Data Science Conference

ORLANDO, Fla (March 22, 2018) -The University of Central Florida Master of Science in Data Analytics program hosted its first ever Women in Data Science Conference on March 5, 2018. This technology conference was held on the university campus and afterwards talks from Stanford were live-streamed at over 100 satellite locations. The panel discussed data science research, career opportunities, as all as tips, tools and knowledge in hopes of educating and encouraging other women in data analytics.

Data analytics is one of the fastest growing industries in the world and jobs are in high demand. This event provided insights into careers in data analytics with the goal of inspiring women to consider a future in data science.

“The Women in Data Science event made me excited for the future of big data and glad I’m studying a field that uses data science tools.” — Caitlin Johnson, a student at the University of Central Florida pursuing a masters in industrial engineering.

After the panel on the main campus concluded, several talks were broadcast from Stanford. These talks included speakers such as Lada Adamic, research science manager, Facebook; Nathalie Henry Riche, researcher, Microsoft Research; Daniela Witten, associate professor of statistics and biostatistics, University of Washington and Latanya Sweeney, professor of government and technology in residence, Harvard University.

Many of the speakers discussed the current research being done in their fields. They also gave advice to women looking to join the field of data analytics.

“Be comfortable with the uncomfortable. You have to believe in yourself and look for gaps. Find and fill that gap. Ask for it.” — Jennifer Odess, Appirio.

The Master of Science in Data Analytics is a 30-credit program offered at the University of Central Florida. Students prepares students for careers in data analytics by teaching them how to “develop algorithms and computerized systems to facilitate the discovery of information from large amounts of data” in order to become a big data expert.

For more information on the University of Central Florida’s Master of Science in Data Analytics Program visit <https://www.ce.ucf.edu/credit/master-data-analytics/>

For more information on the Women in Data Science Conference please visit <https://medium.com/@SusanScrupski/whats-super-hot-in-central-florida-b8f7ab8a7076>

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