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Southern University
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Kentucky State University
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Outstanding News from the South Central Region: We are excited to introduce you to the newly formed NDSA Committee, dedicated to addressing issues related to bias, equity, and validity concerns in data-oriented contexts. This committee plays a pivotal role in ensuring that our alliance remains committed to ethical data practices, fosters diversity within our profession, and promotes awareness and education regarding these critical issues.

Committee Overview: The NDSA Committee focuses on the following key responsibilities:

1. **Policy Development:** The committee is tasked with developing policies that pertain to bias, equity, and validity concerns within our data-oriented initiatives.
2. **Ethical Guidance:** It provides advice on ethical considerations and responsibilities relevant to our data projects, ensuring that our members adhere to the highest ethical standards.
3. **Diversity Building:** The committee actively works towards building diversity within our profession, fostering inclusivity and representation among our ranks.
4. **Awareness and Education:** Identifying and organizing activities that promote awareness and education about bias, equity, and validity issues is a top priority.
5. **Systematic Integration:** The committee ensures that these critical issues are systematically considered throughout the NDSA and among other interested parties.

Committee Composition: The committee is composed of 12 dedicated members, each bringing a wealth of expertise to the table. We are proud to announce that Dr. Sajid Hussain from Fisk University will be serving as the Chair of the Committee.

We look forward to the innovative contributions and impactful initiatives that this committee will bring to the NDSA. Bias, equity, and validity concerns are paramount in the world of data, and the Committee is committed to addressing these issues comprehensively.

Stay tuned for updates on the committee's progress and upcoming activities as we work together to make the NDSA a leader in ethical and inclusive data practices

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WHO WE ARE: A national network of HBCUs to expand data science discoveries and opportunities.

VISION: The National Data Science Alliance (NDSA) will increase the number of Blacks earning data science credentials (e.g., major, minor, certificate, or postbaccalaureate) by at least 20,000 and create equitable data science research, techniques, and models.

MISSION: Expand data science research and education at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and develop a national network of HBCUs with industry, government, and academic collaboration to transform data science discoveries into tangible societal benefits that advance equity for all.

SERVING: HBCU faculty and staff play a key role in developing new techniques, technologies, and methodologies that spur equitable innovations in data science for social good. This project will catalyze systemic change at scale by engaging HBCU faculty and staff in data science training, curriculum development, and research.

GOALS: (1) expand academic and research opportunities that engage HBCU undergraduate and graduate students in data science; (2) develop research in data science that reduces bias and promotes ethics, fairness, and validity (3) foster the growth of sustainable institutional capacity in data science at HBCUs; and (4) champion evidence-based inclusive practices and strategies that broaden the participation of HBCUs in data science.

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