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**GalvanizeU and the University of New Haven Accredited Master of Engineering in Big Data Classes Start in San Francisco's SoMa District**

*Inaugural Class Begins at the First-of-Its-Kind Program Created by Galvanize and the University of New Haven*

**SAN FRANCISCO, Calif – Mar. 26, 2015** – [Galvanize](#) a leader in industry-focused learning, today announced its GalvanizeU Accredited Master's Program for Data Scientists, powered by the University of New Haven, is officially up and running. The 12-month Master of Engineering in Big Data is the result of a partnership with the University of New Haven, originally [announced](#) in 2014, and is the first program of its kind.

"We're very excited to have our first San Francisco GalvanizeU class in session," said Jim Deters, CEO and co-founder of Galvanize Inc. "With the demand for qualified data scientists exponentially increasing, students who want to make an impact in the business world need modern programs that focus on practical, hands-on education."

The unprecedented curriculum, jointly created by Galvanize and the University of New Haven, was built from the ground up to meet the needs of today's companies desperately searching for competent data scientists. The partnership between the two entities focuses on highlighting the strengths in both, leveraging Galvanize's industry-focused approach with the University of New Haven's expertise and accreditation within the traditional university system.

"Working with Galvanize demonstrates our commitment to giving students the tools they need to be successful in today's technical workforce," said Ron Harichandran, Dean of the Tagliatela College of Engineering at University of New Haven. "This program focuses on academic

knowledge in statistics, machine learning, computer science, and coding – but couples them with real-world experience in the form of internships and capstone projects with top companies in the area. This approach prepares data scientists to tackle industry challenges immediately after graduation.”

The GalvanizeU campus in San Francisco’s SOMA district is strategically located to place students in the heart of the technical job market. With a focus on industry, the program is designed with internships and projects at local companies to give students direct insight into the daily lives of today’s data scientists. GalvanizeU’s location is critical to the success of the program and represents a shift in modern learning environments, moving away from the traditional campus and into a more functional setting.

“We believe GalvanizeU represents the first in a new generation of engineering schools,” said Daniel Pianko, managing partner at University Ventures. “Galvanize is innovating from within by taking the best of a traditional university and placing students alongside tech startups and industry partners at their San Francisco campus.”

A [McKinsey Global Institute research report](#) revealed that the United States could face a shortage up to 190,000 data scientists with advanced training in statistics and machine learning as well as 1.5 million managers and analysts with enough proficiency in statistics to use big data effectively. However, the traditional university system does not offer the level of technical industry-focused education or practical hands-on training top companies are looking for to fill these positions. The GalvanizeU master’s program in Data Science is the first fully integrated program designed to meet these needs.

Applications for the next GalvanizeU cohort are being accepted on a rolling basis, and additional information can be found at <http://www.galvanizeu.com/>.

### **About the University of New Haven**

The University of New Haven is a private, top-tier comprehensive institution recognized as a national leader in experiential education. Founded in 1920 on the campus of Yale University in cooperation with Northeastern University, the University of New Haven moved to its current West Haven campus in 1960. The University operates a satellite campus in Tuscany, Italy, and offers programs at several locations throughout Connecticut and in New Mexico. The University

of New Haven is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). [www.newhaven.edu](http://www.newhaven.edu)

### **About Galvanize**

Galvanize is a community of technology campuses that provides life-changing opportunities for entrepreneurs, tech workers, and students by combining education, experience, and industry under one roof. Since launching its first campus in Denver in October 2012, Galvanize has expanded to San Francisco, California, and Boulder, Colorado, with more campuses scheduled to open throughout the U.S. in 2015 and 2016. Each campus offers education opportunities, tech-focused events, and a variety of workspace options. To learn more about Galvanize, visit <http://www.galvanize.it>.