DA8…..THANK YOU…..DRAFT:

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Merriam-Webster’s definition of “Thank You” and our own written words fall woefully short in describing the level of appreciation and gratitude we feel and wish to express for the support and mentorship received while participating in the Nashville Software School (NSS) Part-Time Data Analytics Cohort – DA8. However, please accept our sincere appreciation.

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