

Haleigh I. Bos

Major/subject interest: Chemistry

Hometown: Hudsonville, MI

What is an interesting fact about you?

I enjoy playing my double bass.

What initially attracted you to the FYRES course?

The opportunity for research.

What is a highlight that you have from your time in the course so far?

Field work at P.J. Hoffmaster State Park.

Rachel Commons

Major/subject interest: Undecided

Hometown: Rochester, MI

What is an interesting fact about you?

I can lick my elbow.

What initially attracted you to the FYRES course?

The idea that I am not only working behind a desk, my classroom is the outdoors on

Noah DenBleyker

Major/subject interest: Geology

Hometown: Gilbert, AZ

What is an interesting fact about you?

I am organized with schoolwork and always get it done on time.

What initially attracted you to the FYRES course?

Going out to do research on the dunes.

What is a highlight that you have from your time in the course so far?

Doing different types of research methods to study dune movement; for example, stadia rod or total station or sand shifters.

Simon Detmer

Major/subject interest: Biology and Environmental science

Hometown: Chicago, IL

What is an interesting fact about you?

I have a longstanding and deep interest in the banded linsang.

What initially attracted you to the FYRES course?

Kyra Schofield

Major/subject interest: Film and media

Hometown: Bloomfield Hills, MI

What is an interesting fact about you?

I have a twin.

What initially attracted you to the FYRES course?

I wanted to take this course because I have an interest in doing field research. Also the fact that we go to the beach every lab.

What is a highlight that you have from your time in the course so far?

A highlight that I have is when I got to use the total station and measure the elevation of the dunes.



Jessie Vandekeift

Major/subject interest: Undecided

Hometown: Jenison, MI

What is an interesting fact about you?

I'm a triplet.

What initially attracted you to the FYRES course?

I love the beach and being outside, so when I heard that we would be doing research on the dunes I decided to join.

What is a highlight that you have from your time in the course so far?

Being able to learn outside of the classroom and how the course is more hands-on.

Madelyn Vander Veen

Major/subject interest: Undecided, but maybe chemistry

Hometown: Portland, OR

What is an interesting fact about you?

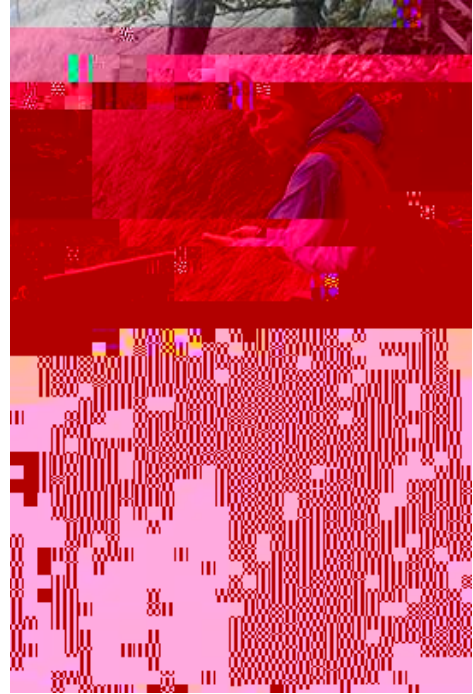
I play viola.

What initially attracted you to the FYRES course?

I wanted to take a science class, my sister enjoyed it, and I like the beach! Getting research experience this early in college is also pretty cool.

What is a highlight that you have from your time in the course so far?

My favorite moment was sitting on the crest of a dune, eating some trail mix, and looking at the view.



Lesley Vargas

Major/subject interest: Biology - but undecided as of now

Hometown: Holland, MI

What is an interesting fact about you?

I'm one quarter Israelite (the Middle East).

What initially attracted you to the FYRES course?

I loved how this course was hands-on and we are able to go somewhere outside of class to do research, especially as freshmen.

What is a highlight that you have from your time in the course so far?

I have made close friends with my peers in this class and I have learned so much information about the importance of dunes that I never would have gained if it weren't for this course! I've learned important research skills throughout the course as well.



Abby Voskuil

Catherine Worthington

Major/subject interest: Psychology

Hometown: Alto, MI

What is an interesting fact about you?

I used to compete in gymnastics and still enjoy keeping up with it - and doing the splits in random places.

What initially attracted you to the FYRES course?

I learned about FYRES right after a trip to Arizona, where I spent more time outdoors. The idea of spending more time outdoors for class sounded awesome. As a non-science minded person, I wanted to have fun while earning science credits.

What is a highlight that you have from your time in the course so far?

I love being outdoors! It has also been great to work on projects that allow me to use my organizational and writing skills.

