



FYRES students present the results of 2021 research projects on 2 December 2021

Research teams from GEO 181 First-Year Research in Earth Sciences (FYRES) present the results of their research projects focused on Lake Michigan dunes and Calvin University's Perseverance Dune. Topics include dune slope stabilization after wave erosion, a comparison of an artificial blowout with natural blowouts, understanding dune ramps, patterns of a rare dune thistle, incipient foredune formation, and relationships between dune characteristics and deer populations.

Presentations take place from 2-3:30pm on Thursday, 2 December 2021.

Dune Slope Stabilization after a Period of Severe Wave Erosion

by Cassie Demlow, Abby Marie Gustafson, and Amira Ribbens

Comparing an Artificial Blowout to Three Natural Blowouts

by Anneka Bos, Kathryn Gardner, Levi Huizenga, Sam Skillen

Sand Ramps at P.J. Hoffmaster State Park

by Grace Buller, Naomi DeVries, and Branden Husted

The Effects of Erosion and Deposition on a Rare Dune Thistle

by Jacob Fetter, Young Sung Lee, Levi Libolt, and Thomas Smith

Looking for Incipient Foredunes on the Lake Michigan Coast

by Nathan Disher, Cody Husted, Avery Lewis, and Seth Reif

Comparing Dune Characteristics and Deer Populations on West Michigan Dunes

by Charlie Baumeister, Braden DeWeerd, Lucy Gordon, and Karissa Kuperus

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