

**In fall 2013, the four Research Mentors included one geography major, a geography/sociology double-major, a writing/environmental studies double-major, and a biology major.**

Katie Burkley is currently a senior at Calvin College, majoring in Geography with a minor in Urban Studies. She has done research within the GEO department in her GIS classes, where she collected data to map the decline of beak grass, a native plant that has been placed on the threatened species list. She is excited to be apart of FYRES and learn more about the dune systems in Michigan. After school she will pursue a backyard apiary as

well as graduate school.

he wants to study how the physical world and human societies can be integrated via the