

Darian Marinis

B. S. Environmental Sciences (spring, 2015)

Darian received a Bachelor's of Science in Biology with a concentration in Ecology and Organismal Biology (BIOM) in the spring of 2015. Her undergraduate honors thesis focused on establishing soil property metrics that could be used for distinguishing high and low quality dry sand prairie sites. During her stay at UT she worked as a lab tech for Dr. Mike Weintraub and participated extensively in undergraduate research. She also worked with other undergraduates and graduate students in the field. Darian was awarded the Jeffrey A. Black Scholarship in 2014 for her exceptional academic performance within the department. She believes balance in life is the key to having fun as a student. In May 2015, she was recognized as the department's outstanding graduating senior. She also served as a UT ambassador.

Her experience at UT has led her to work towards a Ph.D. in crop and soil science starting this fall at Michigan State University. She hasn't nailed down a project yet but she will focus on both applied and basic research on agricultural productivity and nutrient dynamics.



“Being a student in DES was one of the best decisions I ever made. Getting to know your professors is a great way to learn about job and research opportunities as well as to build a support system to get you through classes, work and research. I encourage new students to pursue research opportunities (there is an endless supply) and to be adventurous about the topics they study. I “knew” that I would never be interested in studying soils and nutrient dynamics and yet I am now pursuing a Ph.D. in just that!” GO ROCKETS!!!!