Zachary Curtis receives Outstanding Graduate Student Award

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ESPP is proud to announce that our doctoral specialization student Zachary Curtis has been named Outstanding Environmental Engineering PhD student.

Zach is currently earning his PhD in Environmental Engineering. Before pursuing his PhD, he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Astrophysics; participated in summer research in Boulder, Colorado; did brief studies at Boston University; and received a Master of Science degree from Michigan State University in Environmental Engineering.

His goal during his graduate study is to help communities develop and better understand water sustainability. For his PhD research he is using groundwater and watershed modeling for brine upwelling into lowland and coastal areas of Michigan. Along with his research, Zach is a Teaching Assistant for the CoRe Engineering program in the College of Engineering. His advisor is Dr. Shu-Guang Li.

Zach received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering’s Graduate Studies Committee. This award is given based on the student’s grade point average, quality of research, and his character as a citizen. Zach will receive a plaque and a money award.