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Zachary Mickel  
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## Zachary Mickel has grit.

Zachary Mickel is from Bluefield, WV. He received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Marshall University in 2015 and is pursuing a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic and State University. He interned in our Charlotte, NC office in this summer.

### What interested you in ECS?

After I learned about some of the projects they had completed in the Roanoke, VA area, I was very interested in becoming a member of their team. ECS has earned a great reputation in the geotechnical engineering community.

### What was the most fun experience you had?

That's a hard question to answer. I would have to say the entire summer because I was exposed to many different things in a short amount of time. Learning from a great group of engineers was a fun time in itself!

### What have you learned, either about our industry or working in general?

I was able to learn about deep foundations and ground improvement. Deep Foundations and Soil and Site Improvement were two of my favorite classes at Virginia Tech and having the opportunity to learn more about the installation process was great.

### What has surprised you about working at ECS?

The amount of work that was available to me as an intern. Sometimes companies have a hard time finding work to keep an intern busy for an entire summer, but the Charlotte, NC office had plenty of work that I was able to assist on.

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