John Schwabe is this week’s student of the week. John joined the academy in the spring of 2008. He is working with Dr. Mowa in a biology research cluster. John is currently working towards a pre-professional degree in biology. Reproductive Immunology is his favorite subject to study.

John is from Winston – Salem, NC. He attended Mount Tabor High School. He graduated high school in 2008. John is a long time percussionist and rock drummer. He played with the intermediate world youth wind symphony at Interlochen, MI. He appeared in multiple musicals including roles as “Jud Fry” in Oklahoma and “Chuck Cranston” in Footloose.

As a student in the academy, John’s most memorable moment was when he presented at the “Triangle Consortium On Reproductive Biology” in Research triangle park. He was able to have legitimate conversations with other researchers from all over the state, one of which that asked if John was a faculty member at Appalachian State. When asked to provide a quote about his overall experience in the academy John stated, “nothing has served me better in my experience at Appalachian State than my affiliation with the Academy of Science. It has provided me with opportunities unseen by my peers and has afforded me an all important edge in both my studies and my career plans.” Upon completion of his biology degree, John plans to go to medical school, followed by a residency in either internal medicine or pediatrics.

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