Kathleen Dipple is this week’s student of the week. Kathleen joined the academy in the spring of 2012. She is in the Chemistry research cluster working with Dr. Hambourger and she is currently seeking a degree in Chemistry. Kathleen is from Concord, NC and she graduated from North West Cabarrus High School in 2010. Her favorite subject is Chemistry and she enjoys listening to music, especially Whitney Houston and Tupac Shakur.

Her most memorable moment as a student in the Academy was when her research cluster presented their poster in the hallway of the CAP building at the end of semester conference. She was beyond extremely nervous, but it helped her with her own poster presentation that she had this past summer. When asked to provide a quote about her experience in the academy, she said “If for graduate school you want to prep, then get off your butt and apply for STEP!” Kathleen hopes to get her PhD in Chemistry from the University of Virginia and later teach at the university level while conducting research.