This week’s student of the week is Holly Michelle Coker. She is originally from Marion, NC and attended McDowell High School. After graduating from McDowell in 2012 she began her studies here at Appstate. She is an Environmental Chemistry Major with a Sustainable Development minor. Her favorite subject is Organic Chemistry. She has several interests including softball, hiking, crafting, and traveling. She also enjoys listening to Mumford and sons, Lana Del Ray, and several 90’s bands. Additionally, she loves the harry potter series and A Knights Tale. Holly’s most memorable moment in in the academy was this previous years rafting and ropes course activities. Upon graduating Holly hopes to obtain a position testing water quality for the state or working for a government agency on technologies to improve the environments. When asked to provide a quote about the Academy Holly cited Anthony J. D’Angelo when he said, “Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.” She later stated, “I have met so many intelligent and passionate people through the academy to motivate me in my education at Appalachian. It makes it easier to study and stay focused on school work when those around you are as well.”