Benjamin Dummer is this week’s student of the week. James joined the academy in the Fall of 2011. He is in the Computer Science research cluster working with Dr. Tashakkori and he is currently seeking a degree in Computer Science and Mathematics.

Ben is from Horsehead, New York and graduated from Porter Ridge High School in North Carolina in 2011. His favorite subject is Computer Science and he enjoys mountain biking, software development, bouldering, running, and computer modding.

His most memorable moment from being a student in the Academy was the time my STEP group programmed a 2-player Pong clone and played a tournament against each other. When asked to provide a quote on his experience in the Academy, Ben quoted Linus Torvalds (the creator of Linux), “If you think your users are idiots, only idiots will use it.” Ben plans on going to graduate school and eventually wants to start his own software firm.

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