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With the valued assistance of the Christian G Malcolm Kehm Memorial Scholarship, I was able to attend Week #2 of the North American Academy of Piping and Drumming (NAAPD) and the experience was extraordinary to say the least.

While at NAAPD you are immersed in the study of the pipes; each day is spent taking three different classes with three different instructors, practicing what you just learned, preparing for the next class, or listening to one of the terrific concerts given by one of the instructors. The instructors at NAAPD are some of the best pipers in North America and they do not hesitate to challenge you and push you to see you succeed. It is an intense piping experience but there is time to relax and enjoy people from all over who share the same love of the pipes as you do. I furthered my study of traditional pipe music learning new marches, reels and working on piobaireachd (the classical music of the bagpipe).

I am greatly appreciative for the opportunity that the scholarship allowed me to have and I look forward to being able to apply everything I have learned to further my studies of the Great Highland Bagpipe.

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