On December 14, 2009, the STAIRSTEP team and the Department of
Mathematics hosted a Career Forum for all students and faculty that were
interested in finding out more about mathematical careers. The panelists
included: Lori Abel, a Mathematics teacher at Westbrook High School,
Kathleen Fowler, an Associate Professor at Clarkson University with
industry experience at the United States Army Corps of Engineers
Waterways Experimentation Station, Boeing, Lawrence Livermore National
Labs, and Sandia National Labs, and Megan Jennings, an M.S. Statistics
student at UT San Antonio and Statistician at the Zajonc Corporation.

The Mathematics Career Forum was a great experience to see
the different possibilities one has with a mathematics degree. All
the speakers were informative and gave me much needed
insights into the different fields of mathematics. It was very helpful
and answered many of my questions about what to do once
I graduate.

-Bryan Deagle

I attended the mathematics career forum right after my last final at the end of the Fall
2009 semester. Snacks and refreshments were a fitting reward for this achievement! It
was also great to hear the stories of the mathematicians each with different
backgrounds and careers. There was a resounding message from all three speakers of
how important computer based computations and programming are in continuing
education, industry, and academia. This forum helped convince me that my future will
be impacted by my computer literacy, which is almost nonexistent. I am glad that I
attended this forum and now intend to incorporate some computer classes in my
undergraduate career.

-Nick Lanning