Vidor Middle School Science Day Fair

Report: This event was another great event for the STAIRSTEP program. This is the second semester that I have participated in this event. Many more STAIRSTEP groups were present this semester and I think that it really helped the science fair as a whole. I think that it is important for middle school students the see so many different opportunities that are available at Lamar. On top of promoting the university it seemed that we were able to promote many different disciplines of science. This semester like last semester we were able to get some great samples from Miss Woods. Also I brought some of my own samples. The samples that were the biggest hit were ones such as graphite, a large piece of pumice and a large piece of obsidian. Also knowing information such as some uses for the minerals that were there is a plus. Most people were interested to find out that muscovite is used in the glass in their ovens. Little pieces of information like that seem to go a long way because it allows the people passing by our table to realize the importance of different minerals. An idea for the future would to bring florescent minerals for people to see. We could put them in a fish tank with a black light on top. The sides would need to be lined with black paper so that the minerals florescence is observable. This type of exhibit would attract a great deal of attention. I recommend that the STAIRSTEP program continue to participate in the Vidor Middle School Science Day Fair.

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