On April 14, 2009, the STAIRSTEP team participated in the Lamar State College Orange (LSCO), Transfer Fair. This event gave us the opportunity to discuss STAIRSTEP research and distribute flyers to students at LSCO who are considering transferring to a four-year institution after they complete their associates degree. The Transfer Fair was a good recruiting opportunity for STAIRSTEP, the associated disciplines, and Lamar University as a whole.

“As a STAIRSTEP student and a graduate of a two year college I was happy to attend this event and inform students about opportunities of our program and to offer encouragement to pursue further studies. I spoke to several students who seemed reluctant to consider degrees in a science field. I know I was hesitant at that stage and it took 4 years before I went back to school and declared physics as a major. If nothing else they left our booth knowing these possibilities are more accessible than they thought and I hope that if a career in science is in their future they can follow in my footsteps but take the shortcut!”

-Nick Lanning

On April 14th I attended Transfer Success day at LSCO where colleges would come in and pitch their 4yr institution to the students. I only had about an hour of time between classes to devote to extolling the benefits of the STAIRSTEP program at LU to the students walking around the area. I’m not actually sure where the students I talked to were from, but I believe they were from a local high school. I talked to about 12 overall and, in general, had a fairly good response from them. The ones who were interested seemed happy to hear about a program where they could learn more about the sciences. I did not receive any promises from any of them, but I did let them know where they could go to get more information and an application.

-Michael Waterstreet