STAIRSTEP

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Event Name: Silsbee High School College Fair

Date: October 28th, 2010

Coordinator: Bryan Deagle

Number of STAIRSTEP participants: 3

Names of STAIRSTEP participants: Bryan Deagle, Patrick Robertson, Tiffanee Simar

Number of INSPIRED participants: 0

Names of INSPIRED participants: N/A

A brief description of the event (who, what, why when, where):

On October 28th, 2010, three STAIRSTEP students – Bryan Deagle, Tiffanee Simar and Patrick Robertson – visited Silsbee High School and set up a Lamar STAIRSTEP booth at the College Fair. The STAIRSTEP team provided essential information to students who had an interest in one of the sciences included in the STAIRSTEP program, or similar subjects. The STAIRSTEP team explained the benefits of joining such an organization to high school seniors, juniors, and sophomores. While many of the high school sophomores and juniors were undecided about their academic futures, getting the name STAIRSTEP into their minds was vital to our future membership. Overall, the event was a success, and we had a multitude of interested students who left with important information about STAIRSTEP and the sciences in general.
Feedback from participants:

Bryan Deagle:

Bryan Deagle agreed that his participation in this event was beneficial. He noted, “It afforded me an opportunity to talk to students who were where I was only a few years ago.” He also claimed that, “Although the seniors showed a lot of interest in our program, the juniors and sophomores were unsure of what their academic career would consist of.” On the subject of improving this event, Bryan stated, “More pens and small objects are a great way of attracting students to approach the booth.”

Patrick Robertson:

Patrick Robertson agreed that participating in this event was beneficial. He stated that it gave him “a chance to interact with students who might be interested in the sciences.” He also noted that, “The Program might be too specific for students who aren’t seniors, because you would have to know that you want to do science and that you want to go to Lamar.” On the subject of improving this event, Patrick stated that we should “be near the Lamar University Table if at all possible.”

Tiffanee Simar:

Tiffanee Simar also agreed that participating in this event was beneficial. She claimed that, “We were able to inform the seniors, juniors, and sophomores of our undergraduate research opportunities once they enroll in Lamar.” The most important thing that she learned was that “We need to find a way to give students a better understanding of the possible courses / degrees that may benefit them in the future.” On the subject of improving this event, she stated that we could, “bring name tags, and find a way to get the Lamar recruiters to push students to us.”
Statistics:

**Number, name of participating high schools:** 1, Silsbee High School

**Number of junior / senior high school participants:** Roughly 300

**Number of undergraduate participants:** 3

**Number of graduate participants:** 0

Pictures: