STAIRSTEP Presentation to TALH Students

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Event Name: STAIRSTEP Presentation to TALH students

Date: 9/20/2010

Coordinator: Dean, Sands

Number of STAIRSTEP participants: 6

Names of STAIRSTEP participants: Dean Sands, Piper Meeks, Nick Lanning, Nicolas Brandes, Lauren Robertson, Milagro Egeonu

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

The event was held in the auditorium of the Galloway Business building. All 5 disciplines of the STAIRSTEP sciences were represented including 2 students for one branch. It was a tough crowd though. Few of the students in the auditorium were pursuing degrees in the fields presented, but it is our hope that perhaps a seed was planted to spur them into a curiosity in the sciences.

Each presenter did an excellent job though several reported on their participation forms their nervousness at public speaking. Many said that this presentation helped them to prepare better for future speaking events. One presenter noted that this gave her the opportunity to learn about the other STAIRSTEP departments.

How was participating in the event beneficial?

- Piper Meeks: “Learning about the other STAIRSTEP departments was very helpful in understanding the purpose of the program in general.”
- Lauren Robertson: “It helped with my confidence in public speaking.”
- Nick Lanning: “Experience in presentations is always a plus.”
- Milagro Egeonu: “Had the opportunity to speak to the high school students about STAIRSTEP.”

What is the most important thing you learned from the event?

- Nicolas Brandes: “Practice speaking beforehand.”
- Nick Lanning: “I wish I would have been a little better prepared. I got nervous up there.”
- Lauren Robertson: “Don't be nervous about speaking.”

What can we do to improve this event?

- Lauren Robertson: “Include more students.”
- Nicolas Brandes: “... We need to find a way to generate interest.”
- Dean Sands: “Schedule practice sessions to improve public speaking skills.”

Statistics:

Number of undergraduate/high school participants: ~40