On October 31, 2014, members of the Computer Science Department in Lamar’s STAIRSTEP program travelled to Hardin-Jefferson High School to talk to students about a future in computer science.

Dr. Stefan Andrei, Chair of the Department of Computer Science, has been visiting high schools in the Southeast Texas Area to provide high school students with information about Lamar University and its Department of Computer Science. On October 31, Dr. Andrei made one such visit to the Hardin-Jefferson High School, and two undergraduates from STAIRSTEP’s Computer Science Department, Greg Yera and Timothy Holcombe, were there to provide first person testimonies from the program.

Dr. Andrei and the undergraduates met with students from three classes on Friday. Each period lasted for one hour, with the first part being a power point presentation by Dr. Andrei, and the second part being for the undergraduates to answer questions and provide information about the program. Overall, there were 120 student between the three classes, and about 30 requested supplemental information after their respective presentations. These visits to outreach local high schools help to provide information about the program to students at critical points in their lives, and help them to consider a degree in Computer Science.