Bob Hope School College Fair

On Monday October 31, 2011, I attended the college fair at Bob Hope Charter School. There was only one STAIRSTEP student at this event, Christine Gartner from Earth and Space Science. I am also the coordinator. This event was held in Port Arthur to educate high school kids about the different colleges that are available, and what fields of studies are offered. There were several other colleges present such as: Texas A&M, University of Texas, Texas Tech, University of Houston, Sam Houston State, Stephen F. Austin College. There was a recruiter from Lamar, as well as on from LIT present as well. The principle of the school informed us that 80-90% of the students at Bob Hope were from low income families. There were 7 seniors that stopped by the table, 5 girls and 2 boys, 7 juniors, 6 girls and 1 boy, 12 sophomores, 8 girls and 4 boys, 11 freshman, 8 girls and 3 boys, and 4 8th graders, 3 girls and 1 boy. Several filled out forms and were interested in the program. Seniors had 2 girls and 3 boys (total 5), juniors 2 girls (total 2) sophomore 3 girls (total 3) and freshman and 8th grade had none inspired. The names of these individuals are as follows:

Senior: Rachel Plunkett, Augustine Castillo, Anabel Castro, Jorge Quintanilla, Jammie Lofton

Junior: Cindy Quintanilla, Debani Esquivel

Sophomore: Amber Jones, Stephanie Nieves, Jiset Nieves.

Most of the students were very receptive and enthusiastic about wanting to go to college. This event was a good way to reach out to less fortunate children and encourage them to follow their dreams. I felt that this was beneficial to me because I was able to give back to my local community.