Career Forum

The Career Forum was presented on Friday, March 30, 2012. Tammy Johnson coordinated this event. There were a total of four STAIRSTEP participants which included Allison Perdue, Crissie Vandehoef, and Tiara Johnson.

A panelist of four people from regional industry spoke to students about their experience in the field of chemistry. This event benefited me and other STAIRSTEP students by giving us new information regarding of a career in chemistry. From this event I learned the steps it takes to get into the chemistry field. For example, I was told how joining an organization can help a person network better and some keys to being successful in the chemistry field. Some important things other STAIRSTEP participants learned were: how to get a start in a career in the chemistry field, some employers are going to find a good education a strong attribute while others may just take education as a sort of “add it to the stack” attribute, and getting a degree is not enough, a person needs to have experience and know where & how your skills can be used. This event was put together very well and the panelists were interesting. However, it could have been improved by starting on time because for those who could not stay long only received a portion of the information. It could have also been improved by having better advertising so that more students could have had a chance to participate in the event.

There were twenty students and one faculty member in attendance of this event. Five were undergraduate students and the other fifteen were graduate students.