Event: Career and Testing Center Job Seminar

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The Career and Testing Center and STAIRSTEP came together to coordinate a seminar aimed at helping science, technical, and mathematics majors to navigate their career paths following Lamar University. Haley Tyson, the career consultant for the College of Arts and Sciences at the career and testing center, gave an oral presentation detailing different routes available to students to begin searching for their careers.

Ms. Tyson gave provided websites for students who weren’t sure what they wanted to do with their degrees, these websites provided assessments. For example, mynextmove.org offers a career assessment which helps provide suggestions of what job would suit a student based upon the answers they provide to certain questions. The career center also offers a personality assessment to students for a $20 fee.

There were also different websites included in the presentation which offer lists of jobs that are available for the different majors. For example ONet online and Glassdoor.com offer lists of different jobs; some also include possible interview questions and average salaries for specific jobs. There was also a lot of information about graduate schools and professional programs.

A total of fifteen students attended over both days that the event was held. Out of the sixteen students, ten of them were STAIRSTEP participants. Those STAIRSTEP students in attendance were: Brittany Cashi, Allison Perdue, Billy Newman, Crissie Vandehoef, Judson Ward, Timi Bialose, Quiandra Grant, Katlin Stevens, Sean Smith, and Tyler Drews. Many of the students said that this event was beneficial because it let them know what the career center offers for science, technical, and mathematics students. It seems that most of the students were unaware of what the career center offered for them.

Many of the students also recommended better advertising for the event. There were not many attendants, if it had been better advertised more students may have benefited from the information. Overall, the event appears to have positively influenced all of the students who attended.