STAIRSTEP Event Coordinators Report

The event was the Computing Career Forum on October 7, 2011. The coordinator for the event was Demetrius Taylor. We had seven STAIRSTEP participants attend the event, whose names are Judson Word, Christine Gartner, Demetrius Taylor, Jasma Thompson, Billy Newman, Matthew Williamson, and Jose Lopez. We had 16 undergraduates, and 10 graduate students participate. The event feedback consists of the following:

1) Please indicate if you agree/disagree with the following statement: *participating in this event was beneficial*
   - Agree. Matthew W
   - Agree. Christine G
   - Agree. Jose L
   - Agree. Jasna T
   - Agree. Judson W
   - Strongly agree. Billy N

2) Explain why or why not:
   - I wasn't able to be there for the first part of the event, but I caught a slide about personalities in the workplace that I thought was interesting. Matthew W
   - I felt that this was beneficial because I realized that computer science is a growing field and very applicable to Geo Science. Christine G
   - You learn to plan ahead. Jose L
   - It was beneficial because it let me know the goods and the bads of having your own business. Jasna T
   - It provided insight into what kinds of options are available to computer scientist in industry Judson W
   - Being able to understand what people in our field are doing. Billy N

3) What is most important thing you learned form this event?
   - I heard an interesting bit about the different personalities of people in the workplace. Matthew W
   - I learned how important the computer science field is to all major modern computers. Christine G
   - Have a backup plan in case something happens. Jose L
   - You always want to have something saved up on the side in case of emergency, because companies could downsize. Jasna T
   - What options are available in industry. Judson W
   - to make sure to keep a good social network. Billy N

4) How can we improve this event?
   - Starting at 3:00 Matthew W
   - Refreshments. Christine G
• Nothing, it was a good talk. *Jose L*
• More speakers. *Jasma T*
• Speaker with more varied job experience *Judson W*
• Nothing. *Billy N*

Pictures: