On February 6, 2016, STAIRSTEP member Diego Fernandez volunteered to help run a competition for Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering (TAME) at Lamar University. The competition lasted from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and had about 30 students from various high schools and middle schools attend. TAME’s mission is to increase interest in women and minorities for engineering fields through competitions across the nation.

The day consisted of a complimentary breakfast, an opening ceremony, multiple math and science tests, lunch at the dining hall, an engineering design test, and a closing ceremony. The students who placed first in each test and the team who placed first in the design test earned the opportunity to advance on to a higher level of competition.