Engineering and Technology Invitational

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Four Computer Science STAIRSTEP members were able to attend: Billy, Katye, Sean and I (Judson). The event consisted of approximately twenty companies seeking job applicants that are preparing to graduate from Engineering and Technology Fields. It was held on the 8th floor of the Library. We do not agree as to whether or not it was beneficial. Billy believes that it was beneficial, as he gained some insight into what skills companies expect of a college graduate. Sean agreed with Billy, that the event was beneficial. The reason it was beneficial was the insight into the “corporate aspect of computer science”, and for learning what employers expect. I don’t believe that it was beneficial as a whole due to the negligible number of companies that had an interest in computer science students. The only company that was there for computer science was WhiteHat Security, and after applying to their company through a different medium, I was invited for an interview. Katye also did not believe that the event was beneficial, in spite of being very interested in white hat, due to how few employers were available for computer science. Billy, Katye, and I do agree that it could be improved by inviting more Computer Science oriented companies. Sean believe that more preparation, specifically with questions to ask employers, would have been beneficial.