Lamar University students from various STAIRSTEP departments entertained and informed students from Giddings High School as well as their computer science teacher, and Lamar graduate, Dennis Carl; and his wife, Dawn, who teaches math at Giddings High. The Giddings students had a great time and enjoyed all the presentations, but they also walked away with a better understanding of what to expect should they choose to attend Lamar University in the future and the benefits of being a member of STAIRSTEP.
STAIRSTEP members Tyler Drews and Michael Waterstreet from Computer Science, Josh McBride from Earth and Space Sciences, William Ware from Physics, and Crissie Vandehoff from Chemistry each gave a brief presentation to a group of 15 students from Giddings High School, most of whom were juniors or seniors, in the Computer Science STAIRSTEP lab in the Maes building. In their presentation they talked about their experiences in STAIRSTEP and gave a demonstration of their research, such as robotics from computer science, or rocks and minerals from earth and space sciences. All the STAIRSTEP participants agreed that this was very beneficial to the Giddings students but there could have been more active demonstrations, which the students really liked.

“The Giddings students were very interested and they got a lot of good information” - Tyler Drews
“We had a great time talking to the kids and got a lot of positive results” - Josh McBride