On November 02, 2011 Billy Newman and Josh McBride attended the Jasper College Fair located at Jasper High School in Jasper, TX.

This event was for High School and Middle School students located in the Jasper area interested in college. Billy and Josh were there to help students understand more about science and what it could offer them along with how the Stairstep program could be beneficial for them not only for their college career, but as a springboard into their professional career. Billy and Josh both strongly agreed that this event was very beneficial to both the students attending and the Stairstep program.

Overall there were two members from the Stairstep program that helped eleven students with information on the Stairstep program, along with information about the science fields the student may be interested in. Josh and Billy spoke to one middle school student, one freshman, five sophomores, three juniors, and one senior.

“This was my first experience participating in a college fair with students in high school. I feel the Students in the Jasper area will now have a better understanding on what science is taught at Lamar. The students will now have a better understanding what are the possibilities in the field of science and also what is offered for them to help springboard them into a career in science. I felt that the information that was given to them could also spark them to change their interest to a science field. During the event, I learned that making a difference can be more effective when you are enthusiastic about your program and what you are doing. The students seemed to be more attentive when I showed how excited I am about science and it seemed as though a light bulb went off inside them. The event was well planned and worked well. “
- Billy Newman

“We had a lot of student show interest not only in Lamar University, but in the sciences also. It was great to talk to them about what the University and the scholarship program has done for us. I learned to not overwhelm the students with information, to give them a brief – but concise – idea about what the University and its scholarship programs can do for them, and let them ask questions. I felt that the event was great and well planned. ”
- Josh McBride