STAIRSTEP Event Coordinator Report Template

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Event Name: Lamar State College Port Arthur Career and College Fair

Date: October 31, 2011

Coordinator’s Name: Karla Obregon

Number of STAIRSTEP participants: (2) Jasma Thompson & Milagro Egeono

A brief description of the event:

Student from Memorial High school (and anyone else who was interested) was invited to attend the Career and College Fair held in the Carl Parker Center in LSCPA. Different universities and associations had a table set up and welcomed students to come to give them information. A total of three people were present to represent STST at this event. There was a low turnout at the event and most of the people who came by the STST table were not interested in the science fields. The majority of the people that came by were interested in nursing, biology or psychology. In addition, most of the students that came towards the table mistook our table to be the Lamar University table and soon left since STST would not apply to their career path. Although, the majority of the people that came by the STST table were not going to pursue a science degree they seemed to be intrigued by the program and its benefits. So even though not many people were recruited into STST the word was still spread regarding the requirements and benefits that come with the program. This being said, hopefully, word-of-mouth will circulate to others who are science majors and plan to attend Lamar University and encourage them to join STST.

- How it benefited you/STAIRSTEP

There was one person who was interested in joining STST and was interested in chemistry so initial qualification would not be a problem. It benefited me in particular to help me get acquainted in how to recruit others and since it was a small event there was no pressure.

- Feedback from participants

-Milagro stated a beneficial aspect of the event was the ability to “spread the word about STST”

-Jasma stated “STST got to talk with student and help educate them on the program” as being a beneficial aspect of the event. In addition, she stated that “I learned that many students are scared of sciences but were interested in the program.

- How it can be improved

I believe that spreading the word about the Career and College Fair would have probably lead to a bigger crowd that may have included more people who were interested in pursuing a degree in the science fields that STST sponsors. It may be possible that since it was held Halloween evening there may have been some people that did not come due to the holiday.
Statistics:

Number, name of participating high schools: 1- Memorial High School

Number of junior/senior high school participants: ~30 Students

Number, name of participating community colleges: LSCPA

Number of participating CC students: 0

Number of undergraduate participants: All of the students at the college fair were either in high school or were not in college

Number of graduate participants: 0