Majors Symposium

On April 9, 2012, people from multiple disciplines participated in the Majors Symposium to help athletes make a decision on what to major in and/or tell them about STAIRSTEP. From STAIRSTEP, Spencer Wigginton, Christopher Lee, William Ware, Nick Lanning, Christine, and I attended the event. The event was successful overall with three athletes filling out some information to express an interest in STAIRSTEP.

Of the STAIRSTEP employees attending, every one of them expressed that they all had an enjoyable time at the event. It was my first time at one of these events, and I had a good experience as well. I did decide, however, that I need to be as outgoing as the Physics people to pull more people in. The only thing that I would have changed about it is that I would have liked to have more people from the Mathematics department.

Everyone mutually agreed that we should have a better grouping of the STEM people to attract people. William Ware had the idea, which I completely agree with, that we should place all other STEM tables around Engineering in an attempt to pull more people in. It would be a lot more beneficial than putting us in-between the Education and English tables with people who have little to no interest in Mathematics and Science.

Much of the event was recorded by a student who also went around taking interviews from certain people. The student told me that it was set to air the following day. Though short, the symposium was fulfilling and I look forward to the next event I can attend with STAIRSTEP. I hope it’s even more successful.

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