On June 25, 2016, STAIRSTEP took part in the Lamar University new student orientation, by hosting an informative STAIRSTEP booth. Students from Physics, Math, Computer Science and Biology participated in working the booth.

Working the booth at New Student Orientation is one of the many outreach programs STAIRSTEP participates in. While Hannah Leleux was working the STAIRSTEP booth she interacted with students and parents. 16 students were interested in the Computer Science branch of STAIRSTEP. The forms filled out by students at the New Student Orientation events were tallied. There was a total of 94 filled out forms. Roughly 150 new incoming freshmen visited the STAIRSTEP booth that day.

As the students and parents walked up to the booth they were greeted by a STAIRSTEP Member and asked what topics they were interested in. Based on what topics the students or parents were interested in the STAIRSTEP member supplied them with materials covering those topics.

The program requirements and perks were explained to the students and parents. Overall the New Students Orientation event was a success. Many students passed by the STAIRSTEP booth and were interested in the program. If the students were not interested in any of the topics STAIRSTEP is involved in they were directed in the correct direction of those booths.

With the information given to us by the students on the forms STAIRSTEP members plan to reach out. Once the event is finalized the forms will be divided up among the STAIRSTEP members in each discipline and personal emails will be sent to each student. The research and outreach for the Computer Science branch of STAIRSTEP was led by Dr. Peggy Doerschuk 2007 to 2016 and is now currently being led by Dr. Sujing Wang.