On Wednesday, November 2nd, STAIRSTEP members attended the College & Career Fair at Newton High School. The Fair focused on career opportunities for high school students with the senior students being the main draw. STAIRSTEP was at the event with a prepared with a banner, handouts, and friendly and knowledgeable team members ready to answer any questions about Lamar, the sciences, and general scholarship info for students interested or undecided about what opportunities await them in the field of science. The STAIRSTEP coordinator for this event was Josh McBride from the Earth & Space Sciences department. One member was able to attend the event from STAIRSTEP, which was the coordinator.

The event was beneficial in that we had tremendous access to students as we were placed right beside the Lamar Recruiter (he was very helpful in steering students our way. There was an excellent response with the number of students considering a career path in science. The event could have been improved if gas mileage would have been compensated. These are some serious drives that require a tank of gas to reach and return.

‘The event was a great way to practice talking in front of people, by the end of the event I felt comfortable talking to inquiring students, parents, and faculty about the program and what it had to offer. I was happy to be able to participate and hopefully plant the seeds for future scientists at the fair.’

- Josh McBride, STAIRSTEP Member