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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Schools Timothy K			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC [UCBI]			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	11/01/2011	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
C/O UNITE	D COMMU	JNITY				Thea(monau/Day, Tear)	
BANKS, IN	C., PO B	OX 398	(Check all applicable))	
^(Street) BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514				Director 10% Owner X Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) Regional President NC & TN			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	ies Be	neficially Owned
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)	f Securities	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		ture of Indirect Beneficial ership
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title	Security	Direct (D)	

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Date	Expiration	Amount or	or Indirect
Exercisable	Date	Number of	(I)
		Shares	(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
		Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Schools Timothy K C/O UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. PO BOX 398 BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514		Â	Â	Regional President NC & TN	Â		
Signatures							
/s/ Lois J. Rich, POA	11/10/2011						
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date						
Explanation of	Reenonees						

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) RSU's vest at 33.33% on December 15, 2012, November 1, 2013, and November 1, 2014.

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