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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement CAREER EDUCATION CORP [CECO] McLean Colon S. (Month/Day/Year) 10/23/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 231 N. MARTINGALE ROAD (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) SCHAUMBURG, ILÂ 60173 Form filed by More than One SVP, Chief Human Res. Off. Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 47,008 (1) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:	
					Security	Direct (D)	
					•	or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Quali Option (rig	(2)	08/17/2018	Common Stock	12,670	\$ 19.38	D	Â
Non-Quali Option (rig	(3)	02/24/2019	Common Stock	7,594	\$ 26.15	D	Â
Non-Quali Option (rig	(4)	03/02/2020	Common Stock	9,652	\$ 29.02	D	Â
Non-Quali Option (rig	(5)	03/13/2021	Common Stock	11,536	\$ 21.8	D	Â
Non-Quali Option (rig	(6)	02/28/2022	Common Stock	9,356	\$ 8.63	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director 10% Owner		Officer	Other		
McLean Colon S. 231 N. MARTINGALE ROAD SCHAUMBURG Â ILÂ 60173	Â	Â	SVP, Chief Human Res. Off.	Â		

Signatures

By: Gail B Rago, pursuant to POA For: Colon S. McLean

11/02/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
 - Includes 21,829 unvested restricted shares and 15,440 unvested restricted stock units granted pursuant to the Career Education
- (1) Corporation 2008 Incentive Compensation Plan, with each restricted stock unit representing a contingent right to receive one share of common stock.
- (2) Immediately exercisable.
- (3) Immediately exercisable as to 5,695 of the underlying shares of common stock and exercisable as to 1,899 of the remaining underlying shares on February 25, 2013.
- (4) Immediately exercisable as to 4,826 of the underlying shares of common stock and exercisable as to 4,826 of the remaining underlying shares in equal installments on each of March 3, 2013 and 2014.
- (5) Immediately exercisable as to 2,884 of the underlying shares of common stock and exercisable as to 8,652 of the remaining underlying shares in equal installments on each of March 14, 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- (6) Exercisable as to 2,339 of the underlying shares of common stock on each of March 1, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

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