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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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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] Grayeb George K (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) CAREER EDUCATION (Check all applicable) CORPORATION, Â 2895 GREENSPOINT PARKWAY. 10% Owner Director **SUITE 600** _X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group SVP of Health Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person **HOFFMAN** Form filed by More than One ESTATES, ILÂ 60169 Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock $2,000^{(1)}$ D Â Common Stock $2,000^{(2)}$ D 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

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 Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and A Securities Un Derivative Se (Instr. 4)	derlying	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security Direct (or Indir (I)	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	01/20/2015	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 39.47	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(4)	07/31/2016	Common Stock	2,500	\$ 28.19	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	03/18/2017	Common Stock	2,500	\$ 29.68	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
		10% Owner	Officer	Othe		
Grayeb George K						
CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION	Â	Â	SVP of Health	Â		
2895 GREENSPOINT PARKWAY, SUITE 600			A SVF of Health			
HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60169						

Signatures

/s/ George K.
Grayeb

**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).
- (1) This grant of 2,000 shares of restricted stock was approved by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors on August 1, 2006.
- (2) This grant of 2,000 shares of restricted stock was approved by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors on March 19, 2007.
- (3) Immediately exercisable as to 4,500 of the underlying shares and exercisable as to 1,500 of the underlying shares on January 21, 2009.
- (4) Immediately exercisable as to 625 of the underlying shares and exercisable as to 625 of the underlying shares on each of August 1, 2008, 2009 and 2010.
- (5) Exercisable as to 625 of the underlying shares on each of March 19, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

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