## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Richardson Brent D.						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Grand Canyon Education, Inc. [ LOPE ]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
RICHARDSON Brent D.															X	Director		10	% Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3300 W. CAMELBACK ROAD					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2012									below)		,		ner (specify ow)		
(Street) PHOENIX AZ 85017					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person						
(City)	(St	ate) (.	Zip)													Forn Pers	n filed by Mor on	Reporting		
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day						Execution Dat		Date,	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4				nd 5) Secur Benef Owne		icially d Following	6. Ownersh Form: Direc (D) or Indire (I) (Instr. 4)	of Indirect ct Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or	Price			action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 02/01/2					2012	012			S <sup>(1)</sup>		60,000	I	D	\$1	<b>7</b> (2)	1,606,504		I	Exeter Capital, LLC	
Common Stock 02/02/20					.012				S <sup>(1)</sup>		35,000	I	D	\$16.85 <sup>(3)</sup>		1,571,504		I	Exeter Capital, LLC	
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deer Execution if any (Month/E	on Date,	4. Fransaction Code (Instr. 3)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercis Expiration Date (Month/Day/Ye		te	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Inst and 4)				vative urity	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)	Owners Form: Direct (I or Indire (I) (Instr	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	able	Expiration Date	Title	or Nui of	nount mber ares						

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. These sales were effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 plan adopted by the reporting person dated December 14, 2010 and modified by the reporting person on September 14, 2011.
- 2. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$16.83 to \$17.15, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Grand Canyon Education, Inc., any security holder of Grand Canyon Education, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (2) and (3) to this Form 4.
- 3. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$16.67 to \$16.94, inclusive.

## Remarks:

/s/ Lyn Bickle, Attorney-in-

02/03/2012

Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (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).

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