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## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington,	D.C.	20549

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Richardson Brent D.</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Grand Canyon Education, Inc. [ LOPE ]								(Ched	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
														X	Dire	ctor	10% (	Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3300 W. CAMELBACK ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/07/2012							X	Offic belo	,		Other (specify below) Chairman		
(Street) PHOENI	X AZ	Z 8	35017		4. If	Amer	idment	, Date o	of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)				6. Ind Line)		ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person				
(City)	(St	ate) (2	Zip)													Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
		Tabl	e I - No	n-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quired	, Dis	sposed o	f, or I	3enef	icially	Own	ed			
Date				saction n/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) o Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a				Secur Benef Owne	ficially ed Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
								v	Amount	(A) (D)	or Pr	ice		action(s) a and 4)		(Instr. 4)			
Common Stock 05/07				2012	012			S <sup>(1)</sup>		20,000	Г	\$1	16.09 <sup>(2)</sup>	1,	116,504	I	Exeter Capital, LLC		
Common Stock 05/08/2					2012	012			S <sup>(1)</sup>		20,000	Г	D \$17.95		1,096,504		I	Exeter Capital, LLC	
		Та	ble II -								osed of, convertib				wned				
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		4. Transa Code ( 8)	(Instr.	5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) of Dispo of (D) (Instrand 5	rities iired r osed ) : 3, 4	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Exercisable Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. : and 4)  Amount or Number of Title Shares		Dei Ser (Ins	Price of ivative curity itr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		

# **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 \$15.98 to \$16.27, 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 \$17.42 to \$18.77, inclusive.

### Remarks:

/s/ Lyn Bickle, Attorney-in-

05/08/2012

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\*\* 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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