FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Richardson Christopher C.</u>					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Grand Canyon Education, Inc. [ LOPE ]							(Check all a			g Person(s) to	Issuer Owner		
(Last) 3300 W. (	(Fir	rst) (	Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transactio 05/03/2012						/Day/Year)				Offic belov	er (give title w)	Othe belov	r (specify v)
(Street) PHOENI			35017 Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Indiv Line) X	Forn Forn	or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable rm filed by One Reporting Person rm filed by More than One Reporting rson			
		Tabl	e I - No	on-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quired	l, Dis	sposed o	f, or E	Benefi	cially	Owne	ed		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da					Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		and 5) Secu Bene		icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
									Code	v	Amount	(A) o (D)	Pric	e	Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(111501.4)
Common Stock 05/03/2					2012	012		S <sup>(1)</sup>		5,000	D	\$10	6.45 <sup>(2)</sup>	387,070		I	C&H Capital LLC	
Common Stock 05/04/20					2012	012			S <sup>(1)</sup>		5,000	D	\$10	6.26 <sup>(3)</sup>	382,070		I	C&H 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. Dee Execution if any (Month/I			Transaction Code (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Exerc ion Da /Day/Y		7. Title Amour Securit Underl Derivat Securit and 4)	at of ties ying tive ty (Instr.	Deri Sec (Ins	Price of ivative curity str. 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)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able	Expiration Date	Title	or Number of Shares					

## **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 December 15, 2011.
- 2. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$16.36 to \$16.59, 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 \$16.17 to \$16.40, inclusive.

## Remarks:

/s/ Lyn Bickle, Attorney-in-

05/07/2012

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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