Cassirer Christopher Form 4 May 13, 2009

FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

SECURITIES

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Cassirer Christopher

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

CAPELLA EDUCATION CO [CPLA]

(Middle) (First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

05/11/2009

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

University President

225 SOUTH 6TH STREET, 9TH **FLOOR**

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secu	rities Aco	quired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	ially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired tion(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common stock	05/11/2009		M	2,500	A	\$ 20	2,500	D	
Common stock	05/11/2009		S	100	D	\$ 50.06	2,400	D	
Common stock	05/11/2009		S	100	D	\$ 50.05	2,300	D	
Common stock	05/11/2009		S	100	D	\$ 50.02	2,200	D	
Common stock	05/11/2009		S	2,200	D	\$ 50	0	D	

Common stock

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By
Retirement
Savings
Plan

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

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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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. NumborDerivative Securities Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 5)	ve es d (A) or d of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 20	05/11/2009		M		2,500	<u>(1)</u>	04/19/2016	Common stock	2,500
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 51.21	05/12/2009		A	8,000		<u>(2)</u>	05/11/2016	Common stock	8,000
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	05/12/2009		A	1,600		(3)	(3)	Common stock	1,600

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Cassirer Christopher							
225 SOUTH 6TH STREET, 9TH FLOOR			University President				
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402							

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Signatures

/s/ Gregory W. Thom, Attorney-in-Fact for Christopher Cassirer

05/13/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Immediately; option vests as to 25% of the shares annually beginning 4/20/07.
- (2) This option becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of the grant, 5/12/10.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of CPLA common stock. The restricted stock units vest and will be settled in vested shares after a three-year cliff vesting period effective 5/12/12.

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