

GRUVER JACOB P  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GRUVER JACOB P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CAREER EDUCATION CORP  
[CECO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2895 GREENSPPOINT PARKWAY,  
SUITE 600

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/21/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Pres., Acad. & College Div.

(Street)  
HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60169

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/21/2006		M		32,000	A	\$ 2.9531 47,461
Common Stock	12/21/2006		M		60,000	A	\$ 6 107,461
Common Stock	12/21/2006		M		60,000	A	\$ 12.625 167,461
Common Stock	12/21/2006		S		152,000	D	\$ 24.6393 15,461 <sup>(1)</sup>

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. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.9531	12/21/2006		M	32,000	09/27/2004 09/26/2009	Common Stock	32,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6	12/21/2006		M	60,000	06/28/2004 06/27/2010	Common Stock	60,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.625	12/21/2006		M	60,000	05/11/2005 05/10/2011	Common Stock	60,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GRUVER JACOB P 2895 GREENSPOINT PARKWAY, SUITE 600 HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60169			Pres., Acad. & College Div.	

## Signatures

/s/ Jacob P. Gruver 12/26/2006

\*\*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) 11,461 shares of which were purchased under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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