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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement CAREER EDUCATION CORP [CECO] Tober Stephen (Month/Day/Year) 11/02/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 2895 GREENSPOINT (Check all applicable) PARKWAY, SUITE 600 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting CEO of AIU Person **HOFFMAN** Form filed by More than One ESTATES. ILÂ 60169 Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â 22,895 (1) Common Stock D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of 6. Nature of Indirect (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of Ownership (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative (Instr. 5) Derivative Security: Title Direct (D) Security

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	02/24/2019	Common Stock	4,907	\$ 26.15	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	03/02/2020	Common Stock	14,096	\$ 29.02	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Tober Stephen 2895 GREENSPOINT PARKWAY SUITE 600 HOFFMAN ESTATES. IL 60169	Â	Â	CEO of AIU	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Gail B. Rago, pursuant to POA For: Stephen J.
Tober

11/12/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Includes 20,532 restricted shares granted by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors. This number represents the maximum number of shares that could become vested assuming full satisfaction of all vesting requirements.
- (2) Immediately exercisable as to the 1,226 shares of the underlying shares of Common Stock and the remaining underlying shares become exercisable in three equal annual installments on February 25, 2011, 2012 and 2013.
- (3) Exercisable in four equal annual installments on each of March 3, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

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Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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