CAREER EDUCATION CORP Form 8-K February 19, 2009

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported) February 19, 2009

Career Education Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction

0-23245 (Commission File Number) 36-3932190 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

2895 Greenspoint Parkway, Suite 600,

Hoffman Estates, IL 60169 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code) Registrant s telephone number, including area code (847) 781-3600

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- "Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 19, 2009, Career Education Corporation (the Registrant) issued a press release to announce the Registrant s financial results for the three-and twelve-month periods ended December 31, 2008. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and the information contained therein is incorporated herein by reference. The information contained in Item 2.02 to this Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the information shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

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99.1 Press release of the Registrant dated February 19, 2009, announcing the Registrant s financial results for the three-and twelve-month periods ended December 31, 2008.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION

/s/ Michael J. Graham Michael J. Graham Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Dated: February 19, 2009

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