

CAREER EDUCATION CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**SOTRAIDIS STEVE B**

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 GREENSPOINT  
 PARKWAY, SUITE 600**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/18/2006**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Executive VP Admin.**

(Street)  
**HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60195**

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/18/2006		A	8,000 (1) \$ 0	13,907 (2)	D	
Common Stock	05/18/2006		A	2,000 (3) \$ 0	6,103 (4)	I	By Wife

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

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