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(Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership)

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY)	3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
Pennington Hilary	**5/8/2012**	**CAPELLA EDUCATION CO [CPLA]**
(Last) (First) (Middle) **225 SOUTH 6TH STREET, 9TH FLOOR**	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) __ **X** __ Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)	
(Street) **MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402** (City) (State) (Zip)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) _ **X** _ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
No securities beneficially owned	**0**	**D**	

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Pennington Hilary **225 SOUTH 6TH STREET, 9TH FLOOR** **MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402**	**X**			

Signatures

/s/ Kimberly F. Stephan, Attorney-in-Fact for Hilary Pennington **5/10/2012**

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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