CAPELLA EDUCATION CO Form 8-K August 12, 2011

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) August 11, 2011

Capella Education Company

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota (State or other jurisdiction

001-33140 (Commission 41-1717955 (IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

225 South 6th Street, 9th Floor

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant s telephone number, including area code (888) 227-3552

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. <u>Departure of Directors or Certain Officers.</u>

On August 11, 2011, we announced that Michael Offerman, Capella University Chancellor and President Emeritus, will retire effective September 30, 2011. A news release dated August 11, 2011, announcing Dr. Offerman s retirement is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated August 11, 2011

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 12, 2011

CAPELLA EDUCATION COMPANY

By /s/ Gregory W. Thom Gregory W. Thom

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary