CAPELLA EDUCATION CO Form 8-K February 14, 2012

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 14, 2012

Capella Education Company

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota (State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-33140 (Commission 41-1717955 (IRS Employer

File Number)

Identification No.)

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225 South 6th Street, 9th Floor

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

55402 (Zip Code)

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Item 2.02. <u>Results of Operations and Financial Condition</u>.

On February 14, 2012, Capella Education Company (the Company) reported its fourth quarter and full year 2011 financial results. The press release dated February 14, 2012 is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated February 14, 2012.

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.

CAPELLA EDUCATION COMPANY

Date: February 14, 2012

By /s/ Gregory W. Thom Gregory W. Thom Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel