

Cardinal Steve
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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 *
Cardinal Steve

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HORACE MANN EDUCATORS CORP /DE/ [HMN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1 HORACE MANN PLAZA
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/07/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & Chief Marketing Officer

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62715

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 03/07/2012 | | A | | 16,762.724 | A | \$ 0 |
| | | | | | 87,638.954 | D | ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock ⁽³⁾ | 03/07/2012 | | A | | 5,775 | A | \$ 0 |
| | | | | | 93,413.954 | D | ⁽⁴⁾ |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 17.32 | 03/07/2012 | | A | 24,960 | 08/08/1988 ⁽⁵⁾ 03/07/2019 | Common Stock 24,960 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Cardinal Steve 1 HORACE MANN PLAZA SPRINGFIELD, IL 62715 | | | EVP & Chief Marketing Officer | |

Signatures

Ann M. Caparros, Attorney in Fact for Steve Cardinal
Date: 03/09/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The acquisition of Common Stock reported hereby is in the form of restricted stock units which will vest in two equal annual installments beginning December 31, 2012.
- (2) Represents 81,870.954 restricted stock units and 5,768 shares of Common Stock.
- (3) The acquisition of Common Stock reported hereby is in the form of restricted stock units which will vest in three equal annual installments beginning March 7, 2015.
- (4) Represents 87,645.954 restricted stock units and 5,768 shares of Common Stock.
- (5) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 7, 2013.

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