Ashbrook Thomas Form 4 March 29, 2013

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Bridgepoint Education Inc [BPI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

03/29/2013

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ashbrook Thomas

(First) (Middle)

13500 EVENING CREEK DRIVE NORTH. SUITE 600

(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92128

(Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or

Symbol

Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

4. Securities

Following Reported (A) Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Issuer

below)

Person

5. Amount of

Securities

Owned

Beneficially

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

SVP, Chief Information Officer

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(I)

(Instr. 4)

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

SEC 1474

(9-02)

Indirect

Estimated average

burden hours per

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.23	03/29/2013		A		31,470		<u>(1)</u>	03/29/2023	Common Stock	31,470
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	03/29/2013		A		17,060		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	17,060

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ashbrook Thomas 13500 EVENING CREEK DRIVE NORTH SUITE 600 SAN DIEGO, CA 92128

SVP, Chief Information Officer

Signatures

/s/ Diane L. Thompson, as
Attorney-in-Fact
03/29/2013

**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).

Subject to the reporting person's continuing service, this option vests and becomes exercisable as follows: (i) 25% of the shares subject to the option shall vest and become exercisable on the first anniversary of the vesting commencement date, (ii) an additional 2% of the

- shares subject to the option shall vest and become exercisable on each monthly anniversary of the vesting commencement date for the thirty-three months following the first anniversary of the vesting commencement date and (iii) an additional 3% of the shares subject to the option shall vest and become exercisable on each of the 46th, 47th and 48th monthly anniversaries of the vesting commencement date. The vesting commencement date for this option is March 29, 2013.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the issuer's common stock.

Subject to the reporting person's continuing service, the restricted stock units vest as follows: (i) 25% of the restricted stock units vest on the first anniversary of the vesting commencement date, and (ii) an additional 25% of the restricted stock units shall vest on each

the first anniversary of the vesting commencement date, and (ii) an additional 25% of the restricted stock units shall vest on each subsequent anniversary of the vesting commencement date. The vesting commencement date for the restricted stock units is March 29, 2013. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person annually on the anniversary of the vesting commencement date.

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