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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement UNIVERSAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE INC [UTI] Peterson Bryce H (Month/Day/Year) 12/13/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 16220 N. SCOTTSDALE (Check all applicable) ROAD, STE. 100 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting **VP Information Technology** Person SCOTTSDALE, AZÂ 85254 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value 15,754 (1) D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
		Title	Derivative	Security:	
			Security	Direct (D)	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Performance Shares	11/15/2013	11/15/2013	Common Stock, \$0.0001	600 (2)	\$ 0	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelauoliships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Peterson Bryce H 16220 N. SCOTTSDALE ROAD STE. 100 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85254	Â	Â	VP Information Technology	Â

Signatures

/s/ Bryce H.
Peterson

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) All the shares listed were awarded in connection with a Restricted Stock Award Plan and have not yet met the vesting requirements.
 - Each Performance Share represents a contingent right to receive one share of Universal Technical Institute, Inc. common stock. The Performance Shares vest upon achievement of certain performance criteria based on total shareholder return, with a measurement period
- (2) starting October 1, 2010 September 30, 2013. Performance Shares will vest no later than November 15, 2013. The actual number of shares of common stock issued at the time of vesting can range from 0% to 200% depending on the total shareholder return achieved in the measurement period.

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