

SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO  
Form 8-K  
December 20, 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): December 14, 2011

**The Sherwin-Williams Company**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Ohio**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-04851**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**34-0526850**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**101 West Prospect Avenue**

**Cleveland, Ohio**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**(216) 566-2000**

**44115**  
**(Zip Code)**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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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. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On October 31, 2011, Gary E. McCullough resigned from his position as President and Chief Executive Officer, and as a member of the Board of Directors, of Career Education Corporation. Mr. McCullough also tendered his resignation from his position as a member of the Board of Directors of The Sherwin-Williams Company ( Sherwin-Williams ) in accordance with Sherwin-Williams Corporate Governance Guidelines, which require a director to tender his or her resignation upon a significant change in the director's employment. On December 14, 2011, the Board of Directors of Sherwin-Williams accepted Mr. McCullough's resignation, effective immediately. Mr. McCullough did not resign on account of any disagreement on any matter relating to Sherwin-Williams operations, policies or practices.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

**THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY**

December 20, 2011

By: /s/ L.E. Stellato  
L.E. Stellato  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary