

UNIVERSAL CORP /VA/
Form 8-K
May 31, 2005

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: May 24, 2005

(Date of earliest event reported)

UNIVERSAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Virginia
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

1-652
(Commission File Number)

54-0414210
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

1501 North Hamilton Street

Richmond, Virginia
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

23230
(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (804) 359-9311

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On May 24, 2005, the Executive Compensation, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors (the Compensation Committee) of Universal Corporation (the Company) took the following actions relating to executive compensation:

Restricted Stock Awards. The Compensation Committee approved the award of restricted stock to certain senior executives of the Company pursuant to the Universal Corporation 2002 Executive Stock Plan. The following Named Executive Officers of the Company received restricted stock awards: Allen B. King, Hartwell H. Roper, James H. Starkey, III and William L. Taylor. A form Restricted Stock Agreement applicable to such awards is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Stock Appreciation Rights Awards. The Compensation Committee approved the award of stock appreciation rights to certain senior executives of the Company pursuant to the Universal Corporation 2002 Executive Stock Plan. The following Named Executive Officers of the Company received stock appreciation rights awards: Allen B. King, Hartwell H. Roper, James H. Starkey, III and William L. Taylor. A form Stock Appreciation Right Agreement applicable to such awards is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|------------|--|
| 99.1 | Form Restricted Stock Agreement dated May 24, 2005.* |
| 99.2 | Form Stock Appreciation Right Agreement dated May 24, 2005.* |

* Filed Herewith

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

UNIVERSAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: May 31, 2005

By: /s/ George C. Freeman, III

George C. Freeman, III
General Counsel and Secretary

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