

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Thome Paul F</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>300 CONTINENTAL DRIVE</u>  (Street) <u>NEWARK DE 19713</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SLM CORP [ SLM ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP &amp; Chief Admin Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/26/2018</u>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/26/2018		M		39,297 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$6.4228	221,331	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2018		F		26,868 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$11.63	194,463	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2018		S		12,429	D	\$11.5	182,034	D	
Common Stock								40,846.836 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	401(k) Savings Plan
Common Stock								23,847.021 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	Supplemental 401(k) Savings Plan

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$6.4228	01/26/2018		M			39,297 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/07/2016	02/07/2018	Common Stock	39,297	\$0	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Stock options exercised by the reporting person in advance of pending expiration of options.
- Represents shares withheld by the Company to satisfy the exercise price of the options, and to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligations upon the exercise of the options.
- Represents the number of units held in a unitized stock fund in the Sallie Mae 401(k) Savings Plan and the Sallie Mae Supplemental 401(k) Savings Plan as of January 23, 2018.

/s/ Nicolas Jafarieh (POA) for Paul F. Thome 01/29/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* 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).

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