

Nuance Communications, Inc.

Form 8-K

January 04, 2006

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**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 31, 2005**

**NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**000-27038**

(Commission  
File Number)

**94-3156479**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1 Wayside Road**

**Burlington, Massachusetts 01803**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(781) 565-5000**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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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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On December 31, 2005, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Nuance Communications, Inc. (the Company ) approved the accelerated vesting of performance-based restricted stock purchase rights for certain employees, including Steven Chambers (3,703 shares), Jeanne McCann (3,968 shares) and John Shagoury (5,081 shares) in recognition of their efforts in connection with the Company s documentation and testing of its internal controls over financial reporting.

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SIGNATURE

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.

NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Date: January 4, 2006

By: /s/ James R. Arnold, Jr.

James R. Arnold, Jr.  
Chief Financial Officer