

Keynote Addresses That Help Unlock Educator Potential

Thought-Provoking Presentations to Motivate Educators to Greater Effectiveness

The Magic of Excellent Teaching

Like a great magician, an excellent teacher often fills us with awe. As we watch and listen, we learn. We are aware that this learning is happening, and yet we are at a complete loss for words when asked to describe why or how it happens. What are the skills that make the great teacher? How does the expert teacher make learning happen? In *The Magic of Excellent Teaching*, Steve Barkley probes the answers to these questions, showing teachers how to create their own magic by starting with their own teaching skills.

Power of Optimism

Steve presents the 12 behaviors of optimists, which are taken from Alan McGinnis' work, *The Power of Optimism*. Selected behaviors are connected to the keynote audience with specific examples, stories, and questions. A great motivational opening or closing for staff development programs.

Eclectic View of Learning Styles: The Kaleidoscope Profile®

Through this workshop, educators will learn strategies to:

- Reach peak performance by matching teaching and learning styles to those of students
- Tailor lesson plans for more lively and motivating classrooms
- Increase professionalism, confidence, and self-esteem
- Share a common language and enhance communications with colleagues

Facilitating Professional Learning Communities®

Professional learning communities can positively impact student achievement through teacher learning that consequently saves precious teacher time. Examine how to prepare facilitators, administrators, teacher leaders and even entire staffs to create the desired staff involvement.

Principal/Coach Partnership

The relationship between instructional coaches and administrators is instrumental in creating an effective coaching program that produces teacher change and student achievement. Explore important elements of this partnership and ways to create desired staff involvement.

Discovering the Power of Live-Event Learning®

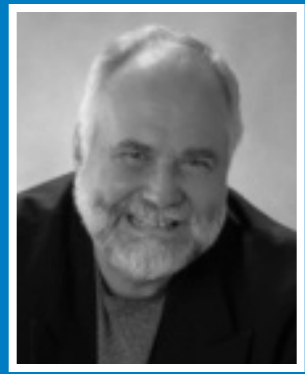
Experience the value of incorporating real-life learning experiences into your teaching. Learn how real-life experiences can be used to integrate academic content with life skills. Relying on current brain research and accelerated learning techniques this workshop will show educators how to develop meaningful lesson plans in a brain-compatible environment. This session will show teachers that they can confidently cover their curriculum while also engaging students through real-life problem solving.

Peer Coaching

This seminar covers the rewards of colleague-to-colleague dialogues for all involved – from the highly skilled, experienced teacher to the insecure beginning teacher. The presenter will identify the skills that are necessary for teachers to reap the benefits of peer coaching and outline possible strategies for the successful implementation of formal or informal peer coaching in the school or district setting.

Natural Leadership

The key elements of natural leadership: survival, satisfaction, approval, and integration are illustrated as central to team building in classrooms and schools. Natural leaders arrange job tasks that need to be achieved so that individuals receive satisfaction and recognition from the group while meeting the survival needs of the entire group. Their role in restructuring and shared decision making is included.



Stephen G. Barkley
Executive Vice President

Steve Barkley, Executive Vice-President of Performance Learning Systems, Inc., is internationally recognized for his ability to facilitate change. His dynamic energy and focus provide a model for the skills necessary for effective change in individual teachers, teams, schools, and school districts. He began his career in education 40 years ago as an elementary school teacher. For the past 30 years he has served as a consultant to school districts, teacher organizations, state departments of education, and colleges and universities nationally and internationally.

As a keynote speaker and presenter, Steve has been privileged to present at National Staff Development Council Conferences, High Schools That Work, National DOE Reading Conference, Florida and the Islands Regional Comprehensive Center at ETS, and state school board association meetings. He has also presented at international events, such as the European Council of International Schools, the Mediterranean Association of International Schools, the Near East South Asian Council of Overseas Schools, Aruba Institute of Pedagogy, and Enka Schools of Istanbul, Turkey. He has worked in London, Geneva, Dubai, and Oman. He has designed and conducted short- and long-term in-service trainings for teachers and administrators of all levels, and he has extensive experience guiding districts through the process of school improvement through coaching and professional learning communities. Most recently, Steve has concentrated his efforts on working with several districts in leadership training, coaching skills, and teacher growth.

Steve is an avid writer and has authored such books as *Quality Teaching in a Culture of Coaching*, *WOW: Adding Pizzazz to Teaching and Learning*, *Tapping Student Effort: Increasing Student Achievement*, and the newest publication *Questions for Life: Strategies That Guide Critical Thinking*.

Steve stands out as an authority on developing and sustaining quality school mentoring and coaching programs. He is a highly motivational and riveting speaker who is extraordinarily knowledgeable about life in the classroom. A catalyst for growth, he is a true role model who practices what he teaches.

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Facilitation Skills for Leaders

The core of this program is based on enhancing leadership skills through the art of questioning. Questions are important for sparking critical thinking and group problem solving. We will begin by identifying and practicing 11 questioning techniques as we explore the role of facilitation. Each of these questioning strategies will then be applied to an upcoming topic that participants might encounter in their local leadership roles. Participants will discuss “predictable” resistances that they are currently addressing, and learn additional skills for dealing with resistance when facilitating groups.

Leadership for Innovation and Change

It is critical that today’s education leaders create an environment that fosters continuous innovation and constant improvement. This seminar is designed to provide administrators and teacher-leaders the opportunity to identify their existing leadership skills, and create a plan for enhancing those capabilities. We will explore how to create an environment where information flows freely, where members develop deep and diverse relationships, and where a common vision is evident. We will also explore the psychological effects of change upon people and identify effective strategies leaders can use to manage the change process.

Additional Titles

- Increasing Options: Lowering Risks
- Teambuilding
- Finding the Basics in Complex Learning Tasks
- Schools to Work
- Raising Student Expectations
- Schools for Tomorrow
- Together Toward Tomorrow
- Leading Through Conversations
- Facilitating Professional Learning Communities
- Principal/Coach Partnership

Steve’s keynotes are skill-based with concrete examples and insightful stories, and can be effectively followed by smaller group workshops conducted by Steve and/or additional PLS staff. For more information, or to schedule a keynote or in-service day in your district, call Steve Barkley or Barry Zvolenski at 888-424-9700.

Books Available:

Instructional Coaching with the End in Mind

Steve Barkley’s concept of “backwards planning” shifts the process of teaching practices, coaching, and professional staff development in significant and comprehensive ways. Steve’s research suggests that teachers don’t cause student achievement; students do, when armed with the right learning behaviors taught and modeled by others. From those behaviors, they become lifelong learners. Receive guidance and insights into specific coaching skills, questioning strategies, and ways to work with principals. The result ensures that teachers are fully supported in the highly complex and challenging world of education.

Quality Teaching in a Culture of Coaching

This book provides a framework for incorporating a culture of coaching into your own educational environment. It outlines the why, who, what, and how of a sound coaching program.

Questions For Life: Powerful Strategies to Guide to Critical Thinking©

Nothing could be more timely or needed. The tapestry of thinking protocols found in Questions for Life weaves the delivery of subject matter content into a focus on specifically teaching students how they think. The book unlocks an opportunity for teachers to recognize their own critical thinking processes and deliver Questions for Life to students from that knowledge and experience.

Tapping Student Effort

Tapping Student Effort offers a unique and easy-to-understand formula for student success. As you put the formula into practice, you will be thrilled at how it taps students’ effort and ability.

WOW! Adding Pizzazz to Teaching and Learning

In this special book, you’ll learn how to make school experiences so outstanding that students, parents, and colleagues say, “WOW!”

To order these books call 800-506-9996 or order online at www.PLSweb.com.

Among the Districts, Schools, and Associations Steve Has Worked With:

- Alabama Education Association
- Alachua County Schools, FL
- Albany BOCES, Special Educators, NY
- American School of Parris
- Arkansas Department of Education
- Association of Teacher Educators
- Boston City Schools, MA
- Bronfman Jewish Education Centre, Montreal, Quebec
- Cambridge City Schools, MA
- Center for Educational Leadership, NY
- Cities in Schools Southeastern Conference, NC
- Cobb County Schools, GA
- Community School District #200, Wheaton, IL
- Cumberland Valley Schools, PA
- Darussafaka Schools, Istanbul, Turkey
- Drake University, IA
- European Council of International Schools
- Fort MacMurray Schools, Alberta, Canada
- GEMS Schools, Dubai
- Granite City Schools, Salt Lake City, UT
- Hillsborough County Schools, Tampa, FL
- Idaho State Department of Education
- Jenks, Oklahoma School District
- Lake County Schools, FL
- Los Angeles Unified School District, CA
- Maryland State Dept. Principals Academy
- Mediterranean Assoc. of International Schools
- Metro-Separate School Board, Toronto, Ontario
- Minneapolis Federation of Teachers
- National Staff Development Council (NSDC)
- New Jersey Department of Education
- New Jersey Principals and Superintendents Association
- New York City Mentor Teacher Program
- New York State United Teachers
- Northwest Louisiana University
- Oakwood City Schools, Dayton, OH
- Orange County Public Schools, Orlando, FL
- Oregon School Boards Association
- Palm Beach County Schools, FL
- Pasco County Schools, FL
- Regional Education Service Center 11, TX
- Rochester City Schools, NY
- ENKA school in Istanbul, Turkey
- Schools To Work Conference, GA
- SREB/High Schools That Work
- State Department of Education’s At-Risk Conference, FL
- Sun Coast Area Teachers Training
- University of South Florida’s Anchin Center
- Western Regional Mathematics Conference, NC
- Windsor Schools, Ontario, Canada