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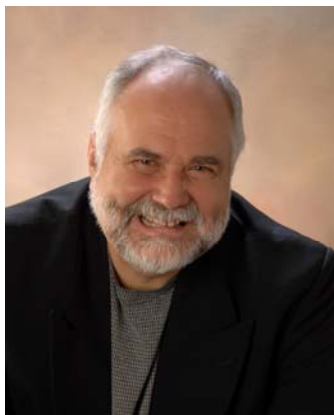
Steve Barkley to Speak at the University of Kansas

Lawrence, Kansas—October 5, 2009, University of Kansas. The University of Kansas Center for Research on Learning is presenting the Fourth Annual Instructional Conference from October 12 to 14, 2009, in Lawrence, Kansas. Instructional coaches, classroom teachers, and educational leaders will be among those attending this event. Presenters will provide a forum for conference attendee's to share and exchange ideas and learn from one another's classroom experiences.

A key presenter at this event will be Stephen Barkley, vice president of Performance Learning Systems, Inc. (PLS) and author of *Quality Teaching in a Culture of Coaching*. Steve's session is titled **Developing Questioning Skills for Coaching**. He will also conduct a "Meet the Author" opportunity and discuss his various publications at this time. "Coaching feedback to teachers has tremendous potential for altering teacher practices to maximize student learning. The most important impact of coaching is when good teachers become great teachers," says Barkley.

This event is hosted by Jim Knight, noted author and coach, and a research associate at the University of Kansas Center for Research on Learning. For more information about the conference, including the list of notable speakers, visit <http://www.instructionalcoach.org>.

About Steve Barkley



Stephen G. Barkley, executive vice president of Performance Learning Systems, began his career in education 30 years ago as an elementary school teacher. For the past 20 years he has served as a consultant to school districts, teacher organizations, state departments of education, and colleges throughout the United States and Canada. Barkley has been a keynote speaker and presenter at state and national conferences. He has presented for 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 also worked in London, Geneva, and Dubai. Recently, Steve has concentrated his efforts on working with several districts in leadership training, coaching skills, and teacher growth. With the publication of his recent books *Quality Teaching in a Culture of Coaching*, *WOW: Adding*

Pizzazz to Teaching and Learning, *Tapping Student Effort: Increasing Student Achievement*, and his newest publication, *Questions for Life: Strategies That Guide Critical Thinking*, due out later this year, Steve stands out as an authority on developing and sustaining quality school mentoring and coaching programs.

About PLS

Performance Learning Systems, Inc. is a comprehensive educational-services company that has been in the business of designing quality graduate education courses since 1969. PLS offers a range of services that collectively support the learning needs of practicing educators through on-site and online graduate courses, professional development services, and published products.

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