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TWO KAPLAN VIRTUAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS RECEIVE ACCREDITATION

*The North Central Association-Commission on Accreditation and School Improvements
Accredits Kaplan Academies of Colorado and Kansas*

Hollywood, FL, Oct. 26, 2009 — Kaplan Virtual Education (KVE), a leading provider of online 6th through 12th grade education, today announced that the Kaplan Academy of Colorado (KACO) and the Kaplan Academy of Kansas (KAKS) have been granted accreditation from the North Central Association-Commission on Accreditation and School Improvements (NCA CASI). The accreditation is an acknowledgement of KVE's continued commitment to high academic standards and student achievement.

"Regional accreditation is the gold standard for our schools and demonstrates our commitment to providing high quality education options for our students," said Charles Thornburgh, president of Kaplan Virtual Education. "We are proud that the NCA CASI recognizes the rigor and high standard we set for our programs, and we look forward to continually improving upon the model we use to help our students learn."

The newly awarded NCA-CASI accreditation is valid until 2014. KVE views the accreditation as affirmation of its success in providing students with access to a rigorous curriculum, highly qualified teachers and programs that exemplify educational excellence. KACO and KAKS join KVE's three private schools—Kaplan College Preparatory School, Kaplan High School and Kaplan University High School—which are also regionally accredited.

"Accreditation demonstrates to students, parents and the community that the Kaplan Academies of Colorado and Kansas are focused on engaging students and delivering sound and high quality instructional design for virtual and online learning," said Claudia Carter, associate vice president for accreditation for AdvancED, the NCA CASI's umbrella organization.

AdvancED is the unified organization of the NCA CASI and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI). The organization represents 27,000 public and private schools and districts across the United States and in 65 countries. AdvancED is dedicated to advancing excellence in education worldwide through accreditation, research, and professional services.

About Kaplan Virtual Education

Kaplan Virtual Education (KVE), a leading provider of online sixth through 12th grade education, offers flexible, individualized and high-quality curriculum and instruction to promote student success. KVE operates public and private schools that provide a wide variety of accredited learning options for middle and high school students, schools and school districts. KVE currently offers public school options in the following states: Florida, California, Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Kansas, Arizona and Idaho. KVE private schools, which are available to students

across the nation, include Kaplan College Preparatory School, Kaplan High School and Kaplan University High School. KVE is accredited by AdvancED. For more information, visit www.kaplanonlineschools.com.

Kaplan Virtual Education is part of Kaplan Higher Education, which serves more than 100,000 students online and through more than 70 campus-based schools across the U.S. and abroad. Kaplan Higher Education also has online programs through Kaplan University. Kaplan Higher Education schools offer a spectrum of academic opportunities, from high school diplomas to graduate and professional degrees, including a juris doctor degree. Kaplan Higher Education is part of Kaplan, Inc., a subsidiary of The Washington Post Company (NYSE: WPO). For more information, visit www.portal.kaplan.edu.

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