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Ron Beach is a sought out international speaker, trainer, professor, expert in virtual leadership. He has authored *The Virtual Divide* and co-authored several leadership articles.

As the Program Chair for the Ashford University Forbes School of Business Bachelor of Business Administration degree program, he can be found conducting classes globally from his office in Colorado or from a balcony room on a cruise ship. Dr. Beach believes in staying connected with his team—no matter where he is or where his team members are.

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Earning his PhD and master's degrees in Organization and Management (with an emphasis in Leadership) from Capella University, and a BLS in Liberal Studies from the University of Oklahoma, he brings his breadth of over 30 years of operations management experience with such companies as Hitachi Computer Products, Western Digital, and Emulex.

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Dr. Ronald Beach, author of *The Virtual Divide*, Co-author of several management articles: *Changing Times – Try These 3 Contingency Leadership Theories*, *Two Strategies for Successful Stress Management*, *Embracing Diversity and Effective Leadership for Success!*, *Insights and Advice to Succeed in A Global Economy*, *Influencing Employee Motivation*, the next books in the Virtual Nuggets Series – *Virtual Accountability* will be released this Spring and *Virtual Team–Roles* next Fall.

To date, he has been awarded The International Who's Who of Professional Management and awarded various awards in leadership and teaching. Ron is the founder of The Organizational Leadership Foundations, an online education consulting firm that works with universities and organizations to develop online training programs in the United States and Asia.

Being a strong believer in volunteerism, Ron has served on various Board of Directors including the World Trade Council – Wichita State University, Non-Commissioned Officers Association and the Council for Developmental Disabilities. He also served as a Reserve Police Officer for the Santa Ana Police Department.

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