

# KEN JENNINGS

PhD



**Ken Jennings, PhD, is a consultant, bestselling author and speaker** in leadership development, goal achievement, and strategy execution. As a recognized expert and trusted advisor in organizational effectiveness, Ken draws on depth of experiences across multiple industries including hospital and healthcare delivery, manufacturing, information technology and life sciences. Ken is committed to bringing world-class services to those who seek to create a world that works for all.

## Typical projects have included:

- Change Management
- Leadership and Team Development
- Performance and Talent Management
- Firm-wide goal setting and Shared Goal Achievement
- Strategic Retreat Facilitation
- CEO and Top Executive Coaching

Ken founded Third River Partners ([www.3rd-river.com](http://www.3rd-river.com)), to provide leadership development and accelerate strategy execution. Third River delivers practical tools and solutions to empower individuals, achieve shared goals and transform organizations into collaborative teams through a comprehensive development approach. Today, he serves as the Chairman of Third River and continues to play a key role in conducting industry research and developing new strategies and programs to unite and empower organizations.

Ken has served as a global managing partner at Accenture, and is currently a senior advisor for the firm, focusing on population health strategies and change leadership.

Ken has consulted for many healthcare technology, pharmaceutical, and biotechnology organizations, and at over 25 academic medical centers and integrated delivery systems. Previously, he has been a co-director of the Global Leadership in Healthcare Program at the University of Michigan Business School.

His work experiences have partnered him with dozens of notable clients including some of the largest health systems in the world:

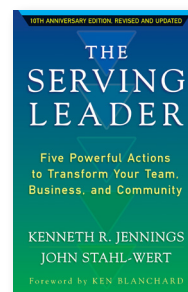
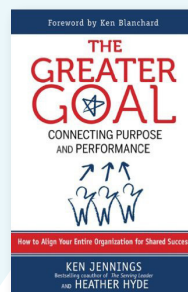
**The Cleveland Clinic**  
**Johns Hopkins Medicine**  
**Veterans Administration Health System**  
**UC San Diego Health System**  
**Department of Defense Health System**  
**Fresenius Medical Care**  
**University of Pittsburgh Medical Center**  
**Presence Health**  
**Lilly Pharmaceuticals**  
**And many others**

## Ken's faculty experience includes:

- The University of Michigan Global Leadership in Healthcare Program
- Columbia University Business School  
*Adjunct Professor in Leadership*
- Wheaton College  
*Adjunct Professor in Strategy and Leadership*
- King's Fund College, London, UK  
*Strategy Lecturer*
- University of Maryland, East Asian Division  
*Faculty in Management*
- American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE)  
*Fellowship Faculty*
- Air Force Institute of Technology  
*Graduate Faculty in Organizational Behavior*
- Visiting Scholar  
Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, China

A respected author and lecturer, Ken has published articles in many academic publications in the areas of organizational change and human performance. Currently, he is participating in a large-scale research project on the future of healthcare. Additionally, he is participating in an initiative to reinvent intensive care.

Ken's writing centers on leading with integrity and purpose. He wrote *The Serving Leader*, coauthored with John Stahl-Wert, which is the seminal work on servant leadership and speaks to the heart of his leadership philosophy "putting servant leadership to work." The second book in the acclaimed Ken Blanchard Leadership Series, *The Serving Leader* is both a practical guide for effective leadership and a story about the personal journey of growth that serving leadership requires.



Ken's other works include *The Greater Goal: Connecting Purpose and Performance*, coauthored with Heather Hyde, which gives practical advice on achieving strategic breakthroughs through focusing on Great Purpose and Shared Goal Achievement for teams and individuals; *Changing Health Care*, which focuses on the key strategies and core competencies of leading health organizations for transforming health care; *Ten Thousand Horses: How Leaders Harness Raw Potential for Extraordinary Results*, an exploration of how leaders bring out the very best in their people through building high-performance teams. His current writing projects include *Crucibles*, exploring how hardship and experience shapes leaders and *A House on Fire*, a fictional story focused on campus ministry.

Ken holds a PhD in Organizational Behavior from Purdue University; an MS in Management from the Air Force Institute of Technology, and a BS from the Air Force Academy. He is also a graduate of the Kellogg Management Institute at Northwestern University.

Ken is an active member in his community in Pittsburgh, and is passionate about urban renewal and campus ministry initiatives. In addition to working with for-profit businesses, Ken frequently provides non-profit and faith-based organizations with leadership development tools and strategy execution methods using his unique shared goal achievement approach.

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