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Armando Vazquez-Ramos has been promoting educational opportunities for the Chicano/Mexican and Latino population for more than 50 years. He has taught as a professor on Chicano/Latino education, history, immigration, politics, public policy, and U.S.-Mexico relations at CSU-LB.

In 2014, Vazquez-Ramos created and implemented the California-Mexico Dreamers Study Abroad Program, a precedent-setting model, which allowed over 160 Dreamers the opportunity to legally study abroad in Mexico. In 2010, Vazquez-Ramos established the non-profit [California-Mexico Studies Center, Inc.](#) whose mission is to research, develop, promote, and establish policies and programs between higher educational institutions and cultural organizations that will enhance the teaching, mobility and exchange of faculty, students, and professionals between California and the U.S. with Mexico and other nations in the Western Hemisphere.

Vazquez-Ramos worked at the California State University Office of International Programs from 1993 to 1996 promoting California-Mexico exchange and North American Studies programs. In 1999, Vazquez-Ramos spearheaded the CSU-LB *California-Mexico Project* and through the *Latino Political Roast* raised scholarship funds for students to study abroad in Mexico and promote educational exchange. This later led to California Assemblymen Jose Solorio and Kevin De Leon co-sponsorship of the [Assembly Concurrent Resolution 146](#), which recognized the California-Mexico Project and directed the California Research Bureau to conduct the study [“The California Research Bureau Report on California-Mexico Study Abroad Programs.”](#)

Vazquez-Ramos has promoted the establishment of Mexican universities in the United States and has served as a consultant for the extensions of Mexico’s Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), Universidad de Guadalajara, and Universidad de Colima in the Los Angeles area. He also helped establish collaboration agreements between CSU-LB and the UNAM, Universidad de Guadalajara, and Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas.

Armando Vazquez-Ramos comes from a union activist family and has been active in leadership roles since the 1970’s with the California Faculty Association (CFA), California Teachers Association (CTA) and National Education Association (NEA).



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As a student leader at CSU-LB in 1969, Vazquez-Ramos was the co-founder of the Chicano and Latino Studies department, where he earned a B.A. in Mexican-American Studies and a Master's in Psychology. He earned a Master's in Public Administration at Pepperdine University, and is currently working on his doctoral dissertation "*A Development Plan for Mexican Universities in the U.S.*"