



# DR. GABE VEAS

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## BRIEF BIO

Born and raised in LA, Veas has been addressing the challenges and opportunities that this metropolis offers head on. While attending one of the most dangerous high schools in America, he first heard the call to step out and make a positive difference by encouraging his classmates to follow their dreams and give back to the community. With a father who has taught in the Los Angeles Unified School District for over thirty years, and a wife who is a public school teacher as well, Veas feels obligated to give back and support educators by affirming their work and encouraging students to value those who are investing in them. His work in the non-profit world and his enthusiasm to work with students of all ages speaks for itself. For over a decade, he has been able to motivate students, families, and teachers around the globe through a life of speaking, mentoring, and training.

## EDUCATION

University of Southern California: Doctorate - Educational Psychology

## EXPERIENCE

- As a *Youth Speaker*, Veas enjoys spending time and speaking to young people whether it is sharing his story of success in a classroom or encouraging students to value the opportunities that are before them at a public school assembly.
- As a *Mentor*, Veas has and continues to work with over two dozen young men for the past eight years to guide them in achieving their dreams. These young men are the "who's who" of community leaders serving in various capacities throughout urban LA.
- As the former *Director* of a youth mentoring program, during his three years in leadership, Veas was able to utilize the culmination of his experience as a mentor and his academic research to reshape the way the organization developed youth. In this role, he crafted a dynamic college-prep initiative, launched a parent program, as well as coached thirty caring adults as they mentored youth one-on-one. He has also been able to help several organizations develop formal mentoring programs.
- As a *Professor*, Veas has taught courses at both the university and community college level in fields of education, history, and community development. He has also spoken at national conferences on topics such as How to Incorporate Effective Mentoring at the Grassroots Level, How to Increase Parental Involvement, and Understanding the Educational Issues that Plague LA & Solutions to Combat Them.

## TRANSFORMATIONAL MESSAGES

- California Dreaming: A True Success Story Originating from the Heart of Los Angeles
- Leadership for Today: It's not just what you know, it's who you know