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Dr. Paredes spent most of his academic career at UCLA where for 30 years he taught as an English professor and serving ten years as vice chancellor for Academic Development. In addition, he served as special assistant to the president of the University of California System in outreach efforts to improve access to higher education for students from educationally disadvantaged communities. Prior to joining the Coordinating Board, Dr. Paredes was director of creativity and culture at the Rockefeller Foundation, then vice president for programs at the Hispanic Scholarship Fund.

Dr. Paredes is a former member of the national board of directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters; was appointed to the Education Commission of the States by Governor Rick Perry; he served as a trustee of The College Board and Mercy College of New York, and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Cultural Trust. In 2007, he was named one of Hispanic Business Magazine's 100 Most Influential Hispanics.