Karla is proudly Dallas-born and raised. As a daughter of Mexican immigrants, Karla understands the transformative power of a quality education first-hand. She attended Irma Rangel Young Women’s Leadership School, the first public all-girls magnet school in Texas, for both middle and high school. There, she became involved with Bridge Lacrosse Dallas and the of League of United Latin American Citizens, learning the impact of service in empowering communities.

Karla moved more than 1,000 miles away from home to Chapel Hill, North Carolina for her undergraduate years. As a first-generation college student, she sought opportunities to enrich her personal and career opportunities at Carolina. She interned with Commit in 2016 and then spent a semester in both London and Washington, D.C. interning with a UK founding B Corporation and the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics at the U.S. Department of Education. These unique experiences in the private and public sector helped solidify her career aspirations in public service, particularly education. In 2019, she successfully ran for the Dallas Independent School District board of trustees, becoming the first Latina to ever hold that position.

She joins the Commit team with a focus on Dallas County Promise. In this role she is working to make a college education possible for all students. ¡Sí, se puede!