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Biography

At a young age, her parents immigrated to the United States from Mexico, and it became home for them and their five kids. Raquel is the oldest child and the first to go to college and obtain a degree.

Because of the hard work and dedication of the teachers at Animo Leadership Charter High School, Raquel was able to obtain a full ride to UC Merced. After completing her first year there, she came back to Los Angeles due to a family emergency. Even though her dream had come to an end, she knew college was still an option. She attended Los Angeles Southwest Community College where she earned five AA degrees and an Achievement Certificate. She then transferred to Cal State University, Los Angeles. Thanks to the grants and scholarships received, Raquel was able to graduate with a Bachelors in Sociology Law and Society.

Prior to working for the Campaign for College Opportunity, Raquel worked at Los Angeles Southwest Community College as a Career Guidance Counselor Assistant. She worked at many different high schools in the South Los Angeles area, where she helped students complete their college, FAFSA, scholarship applications, and host different workshops regarding community college. Raquel was also a teacher's assistant for the Los Angeles Writing Project. Raquel's goal is to be a motivation to other first-generation students. *Si se puede!*