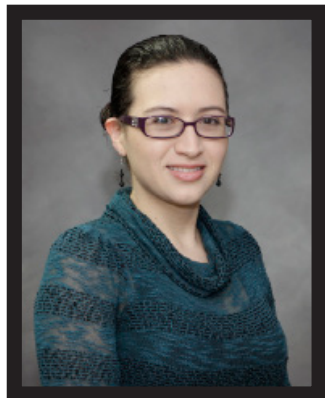


2014 Distinguished Graduate



Karla Garcia Architecture

"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma- which is living the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of other's opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most importantly, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you want to become."
-Steve Jobs

Biography

Karla Garcia was born in Guatemala and graduated from high school there in 2006. A few months after graduation, after taking construction and drawing courses, she decided she wanted to become an architect. In 2007, she enrolled in an architect program at San Carlos University of Guatemala. After three and a half years at San Carlos her family moved to the United States. Karla stayed at San Carlos for six months before she realized she could not be without her family anymore.

Moving to the U.S. has been the hardest decision she has ever made, but she has always liked change and really thought she needed this one. Although she knew learning the language and adapting to a new culture was going to be challenging, her mom had taught her that opportunities are doors that open only a few times in life for us, and that you have to take the chance whenever the door opens. She enrolled in San Antonio College in fall 2011, and has raised her GPA to a 4.0, becoming a Phi Theta Kappa member in 2013.



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