Biography

Juan Carlos Franco Orellana, or 'Franco' as he goes by, was born in Villa Canales Objrahuelo, Guatemala. His family immigrated to the U.S while he was still a baby, and as a result Franco has lived with firsthand experience to being an undocumented immigrant growing up in the U.S. Franco spent his life in Colorado, involving himself in immigrant advocacy in his teenage years and eventually becoming a DACA recipient or "Dreamer". Despite these barriers, Franco graduated from CU Denver in 2022 receiving his Bachelors of Public Health.

Since finishing his bachelors, Franco has been employed as a case manager for Servicios De La Raza, bringing his lived experience to work to help connect other migrants with necessary resources. Franco hopes to use his education and lived experience to break down social barriers and create a community where everyone is free to realize their full potential.