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Yajaira Mercedes.

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Montreal.- 27 year old Montrealer Yajaira Mercedes of the Dominican Republic won the title of Miss Latina Canada 2010 at the only national event in the country for the Hispanic community in Canada. This is the first time both Quebec and the Dominican Republic community has been honored with this national title.

"I just can't believe it, says Mercedes, who is fluent in French, Spanish and English. I feel like all of my dreams have come true. I don't believe that any of this is happening, I feel like I'm going to wake up because I'm in a dream!"

She is definitely not dreaming. Coming in first runner up at the Miss Latina Canada, Quebec regional competition, Yajaira placed as first runner, and was pleasantly surprised that her position awarded her the opportunity to represent la belle province, along with winner Judith Martinez. Out of 30 women from across Canada, Yajaira's grace, poise, and articulation made her a favorite amongst the judges.

Born in San Victor, Dominican Republic Yajaira Mercedes is an esthetician and cosmetician that has been dreaming of breaking into the world of modeling and fashion. Mercedes is a Canadian citizen and permanent resident of Montreal.

With a busy year ahead of her, she will be in Miami, Florida in both October and December to participate in Miss Latina International Supermodel, as well as a special guest for the Parade of Costumes.

She'll also visit Hollywood, California to study Acting for Film at the New York Film Academy at Universal Studios. Among the many guest appearances across Canada that she will make, Yajaira will be a special guest at the Toronto Pride Parade, Caribana Festival, and both the Puerto Rican and Dominican Day parades in New York City.

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