



Miss DC & Miss DC Teen USA 2010 Pageant  
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J.W. Marriott Hotel, Washington, DC

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The Miss DC USA and Miss DC Teen USA pageants were held at the J.W. Marriott Hotel on Sunday, November 22, 2009. MacKenzie Green was crowned Miss DC USA 2010 and also won the evening gown and swimsuit competitions. Jennifer Lopez was crowned Miss DC Teen USA 2010 and also won the evening gown and swimsuit competitions. Althea Smith, Miss DC USA and Miss DC Teen USA pageants producer for the last 20 years, said "the pageant competitions require one year of planning, are a lot of work, and are fun and rewarding." Nicole White, Miss DC USA 2009, and Jessica Nowlin, Miss DC Teen USA 2009, both attended and crowned the new contestant winners. Several other local pageant queens were in attendance.

Mercedes Lindsey, Miss DC USA 2007 and BETJ producer, hosted the pageant. Some of the judges were Ms. Zanice James, Miss DC USA 1998 and International Elite model, and Andre Showell, BET White House correspondent. Ms. James said "I'm looking for the girl with the total package that has that special twinkle in her eye."

Gowns were provided by Carlos Alberto Haute Couture, official fashion sponsor of the 2009 Miss USA and Miss Universe pageants. Parents of the newly crowned Miss DC USA are Phyllis Green and "Little Rock Six" Ernest Green. Parents of the newly crowned Miss DC USA Teen are Rosero and Carlos Lopez. Pageant producer Althea Smith is also the proud pageant mother of the Miss Lakecia Smith, Miss DC USA 1991. Green and Lopez will represent the District of Columbia in the Miss USA pageants in 2010, which is normally broadcast over the NBC network as part of the Trump organization.