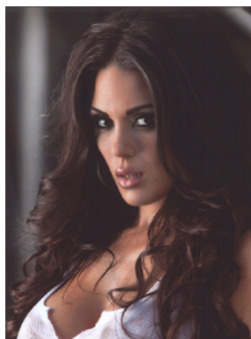




Carissa Rosario
Actress Contestant

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Carissa Rosario
Age: 26
Resides: Los Angeles, CA

Born in Massachusetts, some may have labeled Carissa as a tomboy, riding 4-wheelers and dirt bikes. But as she got older, it was clear she was destined to be a star. While attending Florida State University and working as an American Dream spokes model during summer breaks, Carissa was eventually invited to join the New England Patriots cheerleading squad, but turned down the opportunity to complete school. After graduation, she moved to Los Angeles to work in Spanish-language TV, first as a dancer and then as a show host despite the fact that she couldn't speak Spanish fluently. Within a couple weeks of living in L.A., she suffered from a major car accident, which required several months of therapy before fully recovering. Despite this setback, Carissa is very interested in acting, having appeared in several commercials and even two films. She is an internationally published model & has appeared on 15 magazine covers. Carissa is very much an entrepreneur launching her very own perfume line called Young & Fresh. In addition she is a philanthropist & is involved with different charity work. With Kathy Ireland as her role model, her ultimate goal is to become an international brand.