

Milka Duno



Talent, beauty and brains are just a few of the adjectives that can be used to describe race car driver Milka Duno - one of the most successful female race car drivers in the world today.

Born in Caracas, Venezuela and now living in Miami, Florida, Milka demonstrated from an early age a desire to achieve and the dedication necessary to succeed. As a young woman in Venezuela, she recognized the value of education as the first step on her path to fulfilling her dreams.

Milka is a qualified Naval Engineer with four master's degrees - in Organizational Development, Naval Architecture, Aquaculture and Maritime Business – earning the last three degrees simultaneously.

In 1998 while working as a Naval Engineer, Milka was invited by a friend to participate in a Porsche Driving Clinic in her native Venezuela. The rest, as they say - is history.

Captivated by the precision and mechanics of motorsports, Milka instantly realized that racing stimulated her passion for challenge and competition. She quickly discovered that she was meant to be a race car driver.

In her first six seasons in professional motorsports, Milka has raced in over thirteen different types of race cars at some of the most famous racing circuits in North America, Europe and Australia. In only her second year of racing Milka was named "Venezuelan Auto Racing Driver of the Year" and won her first series championship - the Panoz GT Series Championship. In 2001 she was crowned Vice-Champion Driver in the LMP 675 Class of the American Le Mans Series.

In 2004, Milka became the first woman in history to win a major international sportscar race in North America when she captured the overall win at the Grand American Rolex Sports Car Series Grand Prix of Miami. She followed that victory with her 2nd overall win at the same track seven months later. In 2005 Milka scored her third career Rolex Series win. Remarkably, in only two Rolex Series seasons, Milka has earned three overall wins, six podium appearances, nine top-five finishes and seventeen top-ten finishes.

Off the track, Milka continues to be a major part of CITGO Petroleum Corporation's marketing campaign and is featured in Pontiac's largest Hispanic advertising and marketing campaign ever to promote the all-new Pontiac G6 and other Pontiac products. Milka is also the Latin American spokesperson for Sony's Xplod car audio brand. She also participates as often as her schedule allows in activities in support of her favorite charity - the Muscular Dystrophy Association.