

= Carly Colón =

Carlos Edwin " Carly " Colón Jr . ( born February 21 , 1979 ) is a Puerto Rican professional wrestler better known internationally by his ring name Carlito . He belongs to a wrestling family , being the son of Carlos Colón Sr. , who introduced him to wrestling . His mother was born in Canada , which grants him Canadian citizenship . Colón debuted in his father 's promotion , the World Wrestling Council ( WWC ) , eventually winning the WWC Universal Heavyweight Championship 16 times , and the WWC Puerto Rico Heavyweight Championship once . During the early years of his career , he made appearances for the X Wrestling Federation and Funking Conservatory , winning his first international championship for the second . In his native Puerto Rico , he is known as both Carly Colón and Carlito .

In 2003 , Colón signed a developmental contract with World Wrestling Entertainment ( WWE ) , working for the promotion until 2010 . He worked in Ohio Valley Wrestling ( OVW ) for sixteen months , mostly wrestling in tag team matches while making appearances in WWC . On October 7 , 2004 , Colón made his debut performing on the main event of SmackDown ! as Carlito Caribbean Cool . Colón is a former United States Champion and Intercontinental Champion and has been part of both the Raw and SmackDown brands . He is the only wrestler to win a championship on two separate debuts in WWE and the second Puerto Rican to become Intercontinental Champion after Pedro Morales . At WrestleMania XXV , Colón and his brother , Eddie Colón , became the only tag team to unify the WWE Tag Team Championship and World Tag Team Championship .

World Wrestling Entertainment contacted Colón and he will be appearing on television late 2016 at WWE RoadBlock

= = Early and personal life = =

Colón was born in the Santurce district of the capital of Puerto Rico , San Juan . He is son of retired wrestler and promoter Carlos Colón , Sr. and his wife , Nancy . Colón was the first of four siblings , a group that also includes fellow wrestlers Eddie Colón and Stacy Colón , both of whom have performed in the World Wrestling Council . A second sister , Melissa did not enter the wrestling business . Other members of Colón 's family have also been involved in the World Wrestling Council ; his uncle José Colón and cousin Orlando Colón have been involved in several angles within the company . On April 18 , 2009 , Colón was retroactively granted the Canadian citizenship following a series of amends to the Canadian nationality law . This revision automatically granted the distinction to all the first generation individuals born abroad . The revision only required a single Canadian parent , a demand that Colón met through his maternal bloodline .

Between 1991 and 1997 , Colón attended the Jesuit Colegio San Ignacio de Loyola , from which he graduated . Unsatisfied with his physical conditioning , he began attending a gym as an 11 @-@ year @-@ old . Despite this , Colón has stated that he did not intend to become a wrestler at first and only did so as sport . It was not until completing his college education that he decided to train , after noticing that his condition was on par with the wrestlers despite his age . However , despite this Colón initially expected to retire within ten years and run a private business . He admits that during this initial stage , he received peer pressure to match the accomplishments of his father . Colón 's decision to sign with World Wrestling Entertainment was a controversial one among the Puerto Rican wrestling community . He was criticized by the locals , labeled as someone who had " sold out " his Puerto Rican wrestling traditions over for the " flash and flair " of the American company . Colón spoke of this in an interview with The Sun in which he stated " I did not care about what they thought . I 've always dreamed of working for the WWE when I was young , and I took that chance when it came " .

= = Professional wrestling career = =

= = = World Wrestling Council ( 1999 ? 2003 ) = = =

In November 1999 , Colón began working in the World Wrestling Council as a cameraman , then known by his actual nickname " Carly " , being subtly introduced to the television programming . Soon after his first appearance , the promotion 's main heel ( or villainous ) wrestler , Ray González , took an interest in him after learning his identity . After weeks of being pestered , Colón responded by punching González , which resulted in a beat @-@ down by the dominant heel stable , La Familia del Milenio . At Aniversario 1999 , Colón interrupted a match between González and Colón , Sr. , aiding his father by interrupting while wielding a shovel , which became his trademark weapon early in his career . The feud between Colón Sr. and González continued , with him interfering on his father 's behalf . The final match of this feud concluded in the same manner that the first Aniversario encounter . Soon after , vignettes depicting him training with Isaac Rosario began airing in WWC 's show , Superestrellas de la Lucha Libre . Colón made his in @-@ ring debut in January 2000 by defeating Félix Tapia , a jobber and member of La Familia . He was immediately booked in a major push , defeating almost the entirety of the heel locker room during the following two weeks . Despite being active for less than three months , he earned the support of the WWC fanbase .

On January 29 , 2000 , Colón defeated González to become the youngest wrestler to win the WWC Universal Heavyweight Championship . Following his victory , he was engulfed by fans and carried to the locker room by the Ejército de la Justicia , the main fan @-@ favorite stable in the promotion . González countered by creating a coalition of wrestlers that had feuded with Colón Sr. in the past , led by Hercules Ayala and Ramón Álvarez . On February 19 , 2000 , Colón dropped the Universal Heavyweight Championship to González , following intervention from Álvarez . This led to a double feud against Álvarez and Ayala , from which he emerged victorious . During this timeframe , he also wrestled One Man Gang , who was involved a storyline where a \$ 10 @,@ 000 bounty was placed by La Familia to " end his career " . On July 16 , 2000 , Colón defeated González to recover the championship in the main event of Aniversario , the promotion 's anniversary event . This was followed with a feud with Curt Hennig , brought in by La Familia , who won the title by pinning him on September 30 , 2000 . Both met in a rematch the following event , with the championship being held @-@ up following a time limit draw . On November 25 , 2000 , Colón recovered the belt by defeating Hennig in a no @-@ disqualification contest without time limit . On December 3 , 2000 , Colón wrestled " The Botswana Beast " Benjamin Peacock to a double count out . In his next match , he defeated Horace Hogan .

González turned on Hennig and brought in Jerry Flynn to recapture the title . Colón won their first encounters , but Flynn won the Universal Heavyweight Championship on February 17 , 2001 . He resumed his feud with González , before migrating to another angle against La Familia 's main tag team , Thunder and Lightning , composed of Reynaldo " Thunder " Rodríguez and Alex " Lightning " Cruz . Teaming with his father and bother , Eddie Colón , he earned a victory over them . Thunder and Lightning went on to turn on González , who then pursued a partnership with Colón , looking for him in several locations . At Aniversario 2001 : Septiembre Negro , he teamed with González to defeat Thunder and Lightning . However , the partnership was short lived , with González turning on Colón and regaining control of La Familia . On November 13 , 2001 , Colón participated in the television tapings of the X Wrestling Federation . In his only appearance for the promotion , he defeated David Sierra . On December 1 , 2001 , Colón defeated González to win the Universal Heavyweight Championship , restarting the formula of bringing foreign wrestlers to challenge him .

His next feud was against Vampiro , winning the first encounters between them , but losing the title in a no @-@ disqualification contest . A rematch ended in a double disqualification , with the belt being held @-@ up after both assaulted the designated referee . To close this rivalry , Colón defeated Vampiro to regain the Universal Heavyweight Championship . On March 16 , 2002 , he teamed with his bother to defeat Thunder and Lightning and win the WWC World Tag Team Championship . Their reign only lasted a day , losing a rematch the following date . He subsequently formed an alliance with Konnan , winning the belts again on March 26 , 2002 , and holding them for nearly three months . After losing the titles back to Thunder and Lightning , Konnan turned on Colón by attacking his sister , Stacy Colón , with a guitar . He dropped the title in the ensuing feud , recovering it back on November 23 , 2002 . To open 2003 , Colón lost the belt to José " Chicky Starr

" Laureano , winning it back the following month . On March 15 , 2003 , he lost the championship to Sabu , before recovering it two weeks later . In May 2003 , Colón wrestled in two tryout matches for World Wrestling Entertainment . His opponents were Tommy Dreamer and Jamie Noble , with both contests ending in a loss . Three different reports scouted his performance in a positive manner , with an official offer being made days after the initial appearances .

On June 2 , 2003 , Colón signed a developmental contract with WWE , being assigned to Ohio Valley Wrestling . He made a final appearance in WWC , winning a match over Mike Awesome at Aniversario 2003 . Following this performance , Colón addressed the crowd and vacated the Universal Heavyweight Championship , with the next titleholder being decided in a tournament following his departure . The staff of WWC 's main rival , the International Wrestling Association ( IWA ) , was surprised by the event due to the promotion 's previous association with WWE . They expected the tryout to conclude with the same outcome that the ones that WWE held with their talents ( Germán Figueroa , Ricky Banderas and Andy Anderson ) without any offer being made , deciding to counter the signing 's impact with a storyline that benefited from it . The following month in the tour to promote the Summer Attitude 2003 event , the IWA began announcing the arrival of the " son of a former world champion " and " legend that is universally recognized " to the promotion , which was heavily implied to be Colón , but actually served as a plot device to introduce David Flair . Before the identity was revealed , his music was played over the sound system , only for the crowd to be told by Savio Vega ( Juan Rivera ) that they should avoid " acting like morons " .

= = = World Wrestling Entertainment = = =

= = = Ohio Valley Wrestling ( 2003 ? 2004 ) = = =

Upon joining OVW , Colón performed under his nickname of " Carly " . On July 5 , 2003 , he debuted by teaming with Luther Reigns and John Hennigan in a loss to Tank Toland , Johnny Jeter , and Matt Cappotelli . In his first singles appearances , Colón defeated Rob Begeley and Mike Mondo . He teamed with Hennigan in a loss to Damien Sandow and Simon Dean , after which the team was dissolved . Hennigan then teamed with Cappotelli winning against Colón and his new partner , Joey Mercury . This team scored a win over Carl Lafon & Mondo , before being dissolved itself . Shortly afterwards , his ring name was changed as to the more formal " Carlos Colón , Jr . " , his actual name . His performance in OVW was intercalated by appearances in dark matches that took place before WWE 's main shows . On October 14 , 2003 , he teamed with Dean in a dark match loss to Sean O 'Haire and Matt Morgan that preceded WWE Velocity . In February 2004 , Colón performed as a heel for the first time in his career by joining Bolin Services , a faction led by Kenny Bolin and completed by Shad Gaspard , Jerome Crony , Demond Thompson , Mike Mondo and fellow Puerto Rican Lourdes Guenard . He was paired with several members of the faction , with his team with Mondo trading wins against the team of Mac Johnson & Seth Skyfire and defeating Adrenaline ( a team composed by Chris Cage and Toland ) twice . His teams with Shad Gaspard and Chris Masters did not meet the same success , losing three consecutive matches , two against Adrenaline and one to The British Knights respectively . Individually , Colón defeated Micah Taylor , but lost to Cappotelli .

A trio formed by him , Mondo and Gaspard won a couple of matches over the trios of Skyfire , Mac Johnson , & Demond Thompson and Mike Taylor , Rob Begley & Steve Lewington . However , it also lost to Rod Steele , Mike Taylor & Rob Begley and Mac Johnson , Seth Skyfire , & Big Bad John . The trio wrestled the team of Adrenaline and Wavell Starr to a no contest . While working in OVW , Colón continued to appear in various World Wrestling Council events . Towards the year 's end , he made sporadic appearances and feuded with the " Dominican Boy " Julio César López over the Universal Heavyweight Championship . Colón won a November encounter by disqualification , which prevented the title from changing hands . He won a rematch on December 20 , 2003 , and held on to the Universal Heavyweight Championship for two weeks , losing it to Abdullah the Butcher at WWC 's Three Kings Weekend . During this timeframe , Colón also participated in

several dark matches prior to Velocity and Sunday Night Heat , in the first teaming with Brent Dail in a loss to Jim Steele & Mike Barton and on the second losing to Johnny Jeter in singles . WWC scheduled him to wrestle Abyss on April 10 , 2004 , but WWE did not grant the permission to perform at the event , considering that it could be promoted as an interpromotional match against its rival , Total Nonstop Action Wrestling . Throughout March and May , Colón wrestled in dark matches for both the RAW and SmackDown ! brands . The outcome of these unofficial presentations were wins over Paul London , Ruffy Silverstein , Wavell Starr and Ricky Reyes , also including losses to Hardcore Holly , Shoichi Funaki , Shannon Moore and Billy Kidman .

His work in OVW was a key plot device in WWC 's main storyline of the year . On May 15 , 2004 , the promotion began a backstage angle where Enrique Cruz told Eddie Colón that Carly Colón was wrestling as a heel in OVW , only for José Rivera , Jr. to dismiss it as " internet gossip " . A subsequent phone conversation between brothers concluded without a direct response on the matter . On June 13 , 2004 , Carly Colón 's role as a heel was made official in a segment where he told his sister that he was no longer interested in his father or the people of Puerto Rico . Consequently , Eddie Colón traveled to the United States to meet with his brother . Upon arriving to the hotel where Carly Colón was staying , he asked to contact him , but the clerk refused to attend him after receiving the response that " Mr. Colón says that he has no brother " and receiving no response upon knocking on the room door .

Eddie Colón was expelled from the hotel and tried to attend his brother 's training , but he received the same response and was denied access , buying a ticket for an OVW show held that night . After the event 's start , Carly Colón was shown arriving late and being scolded by Jim Cornette . This skit reflected real conflicts between both . Cornette has stated that during Colón 's stay in OVW he considered him a very talented performer , capable of doing " great stuff " but only did it when he " was on " due to being used to be treated as " wrestling royalty " in his role of " the boss ' son " . Cornette went on to explain the limited role , saying that : " I didn 't feature Carlito , because he thought that he was more advanced than the rest of the guys and was cruising ... But that wasn 't what I wanted to see " . Colón rebuffed this by saying that " they could have done more " with him in OVW and that the reason no to do it was because " Jim Cornette [ doesn 't ] like " him .

After noticing the hostile fan reaction and witnessing Carly 's heel tactics from the public , Eddie Colón sneaked and waited by the locker rooms and confronted him , which resulted in a faceoff that concluded with the heel locker jumping him . Upon learning this , Colón Sr. travelled to Kentucky and interrupted an OVW scrimmage , which resulted in Carly Colón asking for his expulsion from the building . This served as setup for a feud between brothers , which saw Carly Colón return to Puerto Rico and mock the fans by stating that they would be " buying PPVs to see [ him ] " and using the recent Puerto Rico national basketball team 's 19 @-@ point victory over the United States national basketball team to claim that they were " conformists " for celebrating a single win . The first match between brothers headlined Aniversario on August 21 , 2004 . Carly Colón won the match by faking a knee injury and then shoving his sister into Eddie Colón when she entered the ring to help , using the distraction to score the pinfall . Two rematches were held the following month at Fase 3 , the first of which ended in a time limit draw . He lost the rubber match , which concluded with the heel factions assaulting both brothers and Colón , Sr. futilely asking them to join forces .

In response to this angle , the IWA began hinting that Colón would be joining a heel stable known as " Capitol Sports " ( borrowing the name that WWC used during the 1970s @-@ 90s ) , which in storyline was being covertly operated by González in cooperation with his " business partners " ( a reference to Colón , Sr. and Jovica ) with the intention of taking over the promotion . In a segment of their television show , the company ran a script where a surprise arrival was announced , which was promoted as " a young wrestler [ ... ] with a tremendous future in the United States [ ... ] who has Capitol flowing through his veins " and with whom González had differences in the past that were overcome when he opened his eyes ( in reference to WWC 's heel turn ) so that he could " complete " an unspecified task in the invasion . The IWA further mocked Colón in a skit where Savio Vega dismissed this revelation , citing that he had video evidence of a match where Flash Flanagan ( who was active in the promotion performing as " Slash Venom " ) pinned him at OVW . This angle was concluded in a segment where González berated an unknown individual during a call for being

unable to appear in a card , claiming that " he [ was ] as mediocre as [ his ] father and brother " .

=== United States Champion ( 2004 ? 2005 ) ===

In preparation for his debut , the WWE 's creative team began testing different characters for him to use . The first attempt involved the promotion filing copyrights for the use of " Carlitos Colón " , which is the nickname commonly associated with his father in Puerto Rico . On June 7 , 2004 , Colón wrestled under this name in a dark match , this time losing to Sean Morley . However , later than month the name was modified to " Carlito Colón " and he was given the gimmick of a metrosexual man , originally intending to team him with Rico Constantino upon being promoted . However , this idea was dropped when Constantino was legitimately injured in a match . An afro was introduced to his gimmick during the last week of June , when he lost to Shane Helms in another dark match . As his promotion drew nearer , his team with Mondo lost to Capotelli and alternate partners Nick Dinsmore and Flash Flanagan . However , it also won a match over Capotelli and Steve Lewington . In singles , he was defeated by Elijah Burke . On September 19 , 2004 , he wrestled under the name of " Carlito Caribbean Cool " in a SmackDown ! house show and defeated Scotty 2 Hotty . The creative team settled on this character and he wrestled under it in two more dark matches prior to Velocity , where he was booked in wins over Moore and Chris Cage .

On October 7 , 2004 , Colón made his debut as a heel on SmackDown ! as " Carlito Caribbean Cool " ( though later shortened to simply " Carlito " ) , whose gimmick was an apple toting big mouth who would spit apple " in the face of people who don 't want to be cool " . Carlito defeated John Cena for the United States Championship in his first match on the main roster by using a steel chain to knock out Cena . He immediately entered an undefeated streak of 14 contests , during which he successfully defended the title against Rob Van Dam , Rey Mysterio , Eddie Guerrero and Hardcore Holly , also defeating Shannon Moore in a non @-@ title match . Carlito was then involved in a storyline where his bodyguard Jesús stabbed Cena in a nightclub . Carlito held the United States Championship for forty @-@ two days , losing it back to Cena after suffering a legitimate injury . Carlito made his pay @-@ per @-@ view debut at the 2004 Survivor Series , where he represented Team Angle in an eight @-@ man tag team match against Team Guerrero , but did not actually participate in the event after being chased out of the building by Cena .

While Carlito was recovering from an injury , he was involved in a comical angle with SmackDown ! ' s general manager , Theodore Long . The storyline consisted of Carlito being forced to do demeaning chores around the arena , such as selling hot dogs , removing snow from parking lots with a shovel and mopping floors . As a result of these actions , Carlito created a petition in support of Long ' s destitution , but was unsuccessful . On March 26 , 2005 , Colón performed for the first time in six months as Carlito , in a match against his younger brother Eddie Colón during an event in Caguas , Puerto Rico arriving to the stadium in a helicopter and under a massive standing ovation of the thousands of fans gather that night . Carlito made his WrestleMania debut in a non @-@ wrestling role at WrestleMania 21 , in which he interrupted an edition of Rowdy Roddy Piper 's Piper 's Pit , with Stone Cold Steve Austin as the special guest . This event led to an angle in the World Wrestling Council , where Piper and Carlito were booked to wrestle a match on Friday Madness , a special event presented by the company , which Piper won . Following WrestleMania , Carlito created an interview segment entitled Carlito ' s Cabana . Carlito then entered a feud with The Big Show after a spot where Show refused an offer to work in an enforcer role for Carlito . This feud involved Carlito tricking Show into eating a poisoned apple , and Matt Morgan becoming Carlito 's enforcer . This feud ended with Carlito defeating Show at Judgment Day .

=== Intercontinental Champion ( 2005 ? 2008 ) ===

Carlito was drafted to the Raw brand in the 2005 WWE Draft Lottery , where he defeated Shelton Benjamin for the Intercontinental Championship in his debut match for the brand . He then lost the Intercontinental title to Ric Flair at Unforgiven . Towards the end of 2005 , Carlito was involved in a brand rivalry which led to him discontinuing Carlito 's Cabana . The angle concluded with Carlito

wrestling for Team Raw against Team SmackDown ! in a ten @-@ man tag team match at the Survivor Series .

In late 2005 , Carlito was added to angles involving the WWE Championship . After defeating Shelton Benjamin in a qualifying match , Carlito was added to the main event at New Year 's Revolution in early 2006 , the Elimination Chamber match . He was one of the final two wrestlers remaining , after eliminating Kane , Chris Masters and Shawn Michaels . He then lost the match to John Cena .

Carlito appeared in another World Wrestling Council show that took place on March 15 , 2006 in Carolina , Puerto Rico . He defeated Tyson Tomko , and he hosted an edition of Carlito 's Cabana with Victor Jovica and Carlos Colón .

Following New Year 's Revolution , Carlito and Chris Masters joined forces as a tag team . Together they competed against Big Show and Kane for the World Tag Team Championship at WrestleMania 22 . Carlito and Masters lost when Masters accidentally attacked Carlito . Following the match , Carlito confronted Masters , igniting a feud between them . Carlito began showing signs of a face turn when he attacked Chris Masters after his " Masterlock Challenge " the next night on Raw . This storyline came to a conclusion at Backlash , where Carlito defeated Masters via an illegal assist from the ropes .

At Vengeance , Carlito fought in a Triple Threat match against Shelton Benjamin and Johnny Nitro for Benjamin 's Intercontinental title . Nitro won the match after pulling Carlito outside of the ring and pinning him . Following Vengeance , Carlito began an on @-@ screen relationship with Trish Stratus , turning face as a result . He also engaged in a short feud with Johnny Nitro and Melina , which ended after Carlito and Stratus defeated Nitro and Melina in a mixed tag team match at Saturday Night 's Main Event . Carlito next feuded with Randy Orton , following a spot where Orton attempted to attack Stratus during a backstage segment . The two wrestlers were booked for a match at Unforgiven and a rematch on Raw ; Orton won both matches . The feud concluded in a match at WWE 's annual Tribute to the Troops event , where Carlito won by pinfall . The angle involving Carlito 's relationship with Trish Stratus lasted until Stratus ' retirement from wrestling following Unforgiven .

In the final months of 2006 , Carlito competed in several matches involving the Intercontinental Championship . His involvement in this angle ended at Cyber Sunday 2006 , after being elected by the fans to face Jeff Hardy for the championship . Carlito , however , lost the match . During this time period Carlito 's gimmick underwent a slight change and was sold as a " ladies man " , eventually getting involved in another fictional relationship with Torrie Wilson . During this time , Colón was present at Lockout , a special event presented by the World Wrestling Council that took place on December 16 , 2006 . At this event , he defeated Jon Heidenreich to become Universal Heavyweight Champion , but was stripped of the championship minutes later . Carlito participated in the 2007 Royal Rumble , where he was eliminated by The Great Khali . Following the Royal Rumble , Carlito started a feud with Ric Flair , in which Flair insulted Carlito for leaving a show early by claiming that he had no heart , no passion and was undeserving of his spot on the roster . After Carlito challenged and lost to Flair in a match , they were booked as a tag team , with Flair serving as a mentor to Carlito . The team was involved in a Money in the Bank qualifying match which was declared a " no contest " after The Great Khali interfered . This led to a triple threat match the following week which included and was won by Randy Orton .

Prior to the WrestleMania 23 , Colón expressed dissatisfaction with WWE management in an interview for not having plans to book him to appear at the pay @-@ per @-@ view and criticized their methods for selecting performers to push , making reference to backstage politics . Carlito , however , did participate in a dark match at WrestleMania , winning in a tag team match with Flair as his partner against the team of Chavo Guerrero and Gregory Helms . The team also lost a number one contender 's match for the World Tag Team Championship against Lance Cade and Trevor Murdoch . Carlito turned on Flair after the loss , which turned him heel again . Their feud ended with a match at Judgment Day , where Carlito lost to Flair by submission . Colón appeared in the World Wrestling Council 's Aniversario 2007 event where he faced Scott Hall , who retook his WWE gimmick , Razor Ramon , for the first time since leaving the promotion in 1996 . As a way to promote

the match , Hall claimed that the " Carlito Caribbean Cool " character was an imitation of him , giving it the nickname " Mini Razor " . Colón defeated Ramon with his Back Stabber finisher , in a match that included interference by the then @-@ Universal Heavyweight Champion Apolo . All three were involved in a three @-@ way match for the title the following day , which concluded with Ramon pinning Apolo .

Following his feud with Flair he was involved in angles with The Sandman and Triple H. He then lost to Triple H at Unforgiven 2007 in a no disqualification match where the no disqualification rule only applied to Carlito . In late 2007 , Colón requested his release from the WWE as he was unhappy with the direction of his character . Following a meeting with Vince McMahon , however , he was convinced to stay . On December 10 , 2007 , he was featured in a ladder match at the Raw 15th Anniversary against Jeff Hardy for the WWE Intercontinental Championship , which Hardy won . Carlito defeated Cody Rhodes to qualify for the money in the bank ladder match at Wrestlemania 24 . He failed to win at the event . Carlito then formed a tag team with Santino Marella . The team was placed in several matches involving the World Tag Team Championship , twice being named the number one contenders ; however , they lost the relevant championship matches .

= = = = The Colóns ( 2008 ? 2010 ) = = = =

As part of the 2008 WWE Supplemental Draft , Carlito was drafted back to the SmackDown brand . After the draft , he asked for a vacation , using this time to attend his father 's official retirement ceremonies at Aniversario 2008 , where he also wrestled against Ray Gonzalez .

On September 12 , he re @-@ debuted on the brand turning face , forming a tag team with his brother , Primo . They defeated WWE Tag Team Champions Curt Hawkins and Zack Ryder in the match to gain their first victory as a team . Two weeks later , both teams competed in a title match , with The Colóns winning to become tag team champions . Subsequently , Carlito and Primo entered a feud with World Tag Team Champions John Morrison and The Miz . At WrestleMania XXV , The Colóns defeated Miz and Morrison in a tag team unification match , becoming the first team to simultaneously hold both sets of the company 's Tag Team Championships since their creation .

On April 15 , 2009 , both Carlito and Primo were drafted back to the Raw brand as part of the 2009 Supplemental Draft . At The Bash , the duo dropped the Unified Tag Team Titles to Edge and Chris Jericho in a Triple Threat Tag Team Match also involving Ted DiBiase and Cody Rhodes . Carlito and Primo invoked their rematch clause the next night on Raw , but were unsuccessful .

On the July 6 episode of Raw , following their loss to Edge and Jericho , Carlito turned heel by attacking Primo . At Night of Champions , Carlito challenged for the United States Championship in a Six @-@ Pack Challenge , which also involved Primo , but neither of them were able to win the title . On the August 3 episode of Raw , Carlito defeated Primo to end their feud . On the August 13 episode of WWE Superstars , Carlito teamed with Rosa Mendes to defeat Kofi Kingston and Mickie James . Mendes would then become Carlito 's manager until she was traded to the ECW brand in September .

After a two @-@ month hiatus , on the November 30 episode of Raw , Carlito returned to confront John Cena , after Cena challenged Sheamus to come out to the ring , telling him everyone on the roster were tired of him and that Sheamus was their representative of what the roster believed and then tried to spit apple in Cena 's face , which led to him getting hit with Cena 's finisher , the Attitude Adjustment . The following week , Carlito was defeated by Cena .

In February 2010 , Carlito was announced as one of the eight WWE Pros for the first season of WWE NXT . On the February 22 episode of Raw , Carlito was defeated by Christian in a Money in the Bank Qualifying match . The next night on WWE NXT , Carlito teamed with his NXT Rookie Michael Tarver in a losing effort against Christian and his NXT Rookie Heath Slater . On the May 2 episode of WWE Superstars , during his match with Primo , Carlito would stop the match and told Primo they shouldn 't fight when the crowd cheers for two brothers to fight each other . Primo would agree and reunite with his brother , turning heel in the process . On the May 10 episode of Raw , Carlito and Primo attacked R @-@ Truth for Ted DiBiase , who paid them afterwards . On May 21 , Colón was released due to a violation of the WWE Wellness Program and refusal to attend a

rehabilitation facility for a reported addiction to pain killers .

= = = International and independent circuit ( 2010 ) = = =

Following his release , Colón began accepting dates to work for independent promotions . The first promotion to include him in its roster was World Wrestling Today . Colón challenged for the heavyweight titles of Big Time Wrestling , Coastal Championship Wrestling , Canadian Wrestling 's Elite , International Wrestling Cartel and Crossfire Wrestling , but either lost these matches or won by count out . He made short tours for promotions such as Pro Wrestling Syndicate , NWA Southwest , World Wrestling Association , Border City Wrestling , National Wrestling Superstars , Vendetta Pro Wrestling and the Canadian National Wrestling Alliance , scoring wins over the likes of Shane Douglas and Gangrel . On August 7 , 2010 , he made his debut in Lucha Libre USA 's live shows , wrestling as " Carlitos " . On December 2010 , Carlito participated in Inoki Genome Federation in Japan , where he was pinned by Japanese superstar Kendo Kashin . In February 2011 , NWA Southwest in Texas booked Carlito in a match for the NWA World Heavyweight Championship against Adam Pearce . On March 4 , 2011 , Colón , billed as Carlito Caribbean Cool , made his debut for the Mexican promotion Asistencia Asesoría y Administración ( AAA ) , defeating Decnnis , Jack Evans and Ozz in a four ? way match to advance to the Rey de Reyes tournament finals at the Rey de Reyes pay @-@ per @-@ view . In the finals of the tournament , Carlito was defeated by Extreme Tiger . On October 31 , 2011 , he was booked for the Halloween Lucha Tour event held in Matamoros , Tamaulipas , in which he tagged with Chavo Guerrero and Rikishi Phatu to face Mil Mascaras , Dos Caras and Cassandro . They repeated the match the following two days in different locations , but replaced Cassandro with El Hijo de Canek . On February 4 , 2012 , Colón continued his international tour by appeareing on the World Wrestling Fan Xperience ( WWFX ) Champions Showcase Tour in Manila , Philippines , where he wrestled under his LLUSA name in a win over Snitsky .

Colón won Family Wrestling Entertainment 's Heavyweight Championship on October 6 , 2012 , in main event of House of Hardcore 's first show , defeating previous champions Tommy Dreamer and Mike Knox in a three @-@ way match . On October 26 , 2012 , he made a one @-@ night appearance for Wrestling New Classic ( WNC ) in Japan , losing to Tajiri in the first round of the WNC Championship tournament . In March 2013 , Colón won the Millennium Wrestling Federation 's Undisputed Championship . He had previously performed for the promotion , mostly in matches involving Benny Jux ( David Bentubo ) between 2011 and 2012 . On June 21 , 2013 , he dropped the FWE Heavyweight Championship to John Hennigan . The following day , Colón defeated Mike Bennett in the House of Hardcore . In July 2013 , he made a one @-@ night appearance for All American Wrestling by headlining the promotion 's Scars and Stripes event , in which Keith Walker was booked as the winner

On October 12 , 2013 , Colón lost to Dreamer in the first round of the FWE Open Weight Grand Prix . On September 6 , 2013 , he made his debut for the World Wrestling League marking the first time that he performed for another Puerto Rico @-@ based promotion . In his first appearance , Colón defeated established Mexican performers Blue Demon , Jr. and La Parka II . Two days later , he lost a rematch by submission . Colón was one of the first wrestlers to perform in Qatar Pro Wrestling , the first promotion in this Arabian state . On November 9 , 2013 , he and Rosita defeated Tara and Stevie Richards at House of Hardcore 3 . At Wrestling Alliance Revolution 's Super Leyendas del Ring , Colón won a three @-@ way match for the WAR World Heavyweight Championship . On November 30 , 2013 , at WrestleCade , Carlito was defeated by Matt Hardy for the WrestleCade championship . On December 7 , 2013 , he wrestled at First Wrestling Society 's Amo Del Hexágono winning the 1WS World Heavyweight Championship . Moments later , his first contender was confirmed to be Ken Shamrock , who was abandoning a four @-@ year retirement . On March 7 , 2014 , Colón returned to WWL , joining Chavo Guerrero and Fuerza Guerrera in a 3 @-@ on @-@ 3 match against Juventud Guerrera , Octagon and Ricky Marvin , where his team lost by disqualification . Two days later , he participated in a three @-@ way match for José " Monster Pain " Torres 's WWL World Heavyweight Championship , but was not involved in the outcome after the



champion pinned Guerrero . Colón was a member of the International Wrestling Federation 's inaugural roster , where he debuted with a win over Willie Mack . He lost the WAR World Heavyweight Championship to Pablo Marquez on April 19 , 2014 , as part of CCW 's Spring Breakout .

= = = Return to WWC ( 2010 ? present ) = = =

On July 11 , 2010 , Colón was booked in a match called " The Three Faces of Fear " at WWC 's Aniversario 2010 which also involved Booker T. The concept of this contest was that he would face three unknown adversaries successively . Colón also performed on a second date of this event , working under a " tweener " concept , representing a morally ambiguous team without clear allegiance . He returned to WWC on September 25 , 2010 at the " Septiembre Negro " event , where he defeated " El Triple Mega Campeón " Ricky Banderas . On November 27 , 2010 , Colón defeated Shelton Benjamin to win the WWC Universal Heavyweight Championship at the Crossfire event . He made his first title defense against Banderas at WWC 's last show of the year ? Lockout . On January 8 , 2011 , Colón lost the Universal Heavyweight Championship to Banderas , following interference from Shane Sewell . On June 4 , 2011 , Carlito returned to WWC and defeated Steve Corino to win the WWC Universal Heavyweight Championship for the thirteenth time . On July 17 , 2011 at Aniversario 2011 Carlito made his first defense of the title against Abyss . In this event , Savio Vega cut a promo pursuing a feud as part of the first interpromotional angle between WWC and the International Wrestling Association . However , this cooperation was stalled due to differences between the administration of both promotions , remaining fruitless for the rest of the year .

On October 28 , 2011 , Colón returned to WWC first to join his brother and wrestled Gilbert Cruz and his cousin Orlando Colón , before successfully defending the Universal Heavyweight Championship against Masters the following night . On November 11 , 2011 , he won a rematch . At WWC 's Euphoria 2012 , he wrestled in a rematch against Banderas , which was left inconclusive when a video depicting Vega was shown in the titantron , draining the time limit . Colón dropped the Universal Heavyweight Championship to Gilbert at Noche de Campeones 2012 , failing to win it back in a rematch held at Camino a la Gloria . In this event , he also aided Ray González , which resulted in both receiving an invitation to join La Nueva Familia , a recreation of La Familia del Milenio , proposed by Félix " Barrabás " López . González refused this approach , claiming that it was returning to the past . On May 12 , 2012 , Colón also declined the invitation by spitting an apple in López 's face , who countered by ordering Thunder and Lightning to ambush both him and González during a number one contendership match . At Aniversario 2012 , Colón and González defeated Thunder and Lightning , unmasking them for the first time in their career . They teamed once again , but lost a rematch by disqualification . At Septiembre Negro , a third and final encounter was set in a liberation match . Colón was the one to be handcuffed to the ring apron , turning on González upon being released and assaulting Carlos Colón , Sr. when he tried to interfere .

During the following weeks , vignettes aired where he berated members of his own family , eventually being confronted by José Huertas González . On October 7 , 2012 , Savio Vega reappeared in Superestrellas de la Lucha Libre , issuing yet another challenge . However , this time Colón backfired with a challenge of his own , inviting Vega to a special edition of Carlito 's Cabana . The edition of Carlito 's Cabana that featured Vega took place on October 14 , 2012 . In the segment , both traded insults and it finished with the security removing Vega when he tried to assault Colón after the former spat an apple in his face . At Halloween Wrestling Xtravaganza he was disqualified , assaulting his opponent after his father , who served as special referee , did not allow Huertas González to use his finisher . At Honor vs. Traición , Colón unsuccessfully challenged Ray González for the Universal Heavyweight Championship . A Hair vs. Hair rematch was immediately scheduled for Lockout , which will feature a guest referee elected by popular vote between Vega and Huertas González . The following night marked the first time that Colón participated in a match where his father was among his opponents , but he avoided facing him

directly , instead requesting a tag and only entering later to pin González .

During this time frame , an angle began in which Colón began pursuing the ownership of WWC . This led to the creation of the Carlito Caribbean Company ( CCC ) , which acquired power when Rivera defeated Victor Jovica following a Huertas González heel turn to force him to sell WWC 's stocks . Despite Rivera 's involvement as a favored heel , Colón was booked in a spot where the new CCC management turned on him . The ownership of WWC was to be decided in a match between Huertas González and Colón , Sr. held on June 29 , 2013 , at Summer Madness in which CCC lost its bid . In the same event , Colón faced Rivera for the first time , dominating throughout the match but losing after being sprayed in the face with " green mist " . On July 13 , 2013 , he won a rematch by countering this same tactic . On August 18 , 2013 , Colón issued an open challenge for Aniversario 40 , calling himself a " Puerto Rican icon " . The following week the challenge was accepted by Sting , a former WCW and TNA world heavyweight champion commonly known as " The Icon " . When Colón was preparing to finish the match with the Back Stabber , a masked wrestler known as Rey Fénix intervened and costed him the match . Since that mask was usually worn by Ray González , he began pursuing a match against him . On November 16 , 2013 , Colón defeated Fénix in a Hair vs. Mask match that served as the main event of Crossfire . However , when Rey Fénix unmasked , he was Ricky Santana instead of González .

At Lockout 2013 , Colón defeated Germán Figueroa but lost to Rivera , who was now wrestling under a character known as " TNT " . After losing two consecutive matches to Ray González , he was able to win a tag team match where he joined Huertas González . However , after the event was over his partner turned on him , forcing a face switch and beginning a new feud . He joined Ray González to win the first match of this storyline . Afterwards , Huertas González challenged Colón to place his hair on the line , but was ignored on several occasions . The wager became official following the outcome of a match that made it mandatory . On March 30 , 2014 , Colón defeated Huertas González in a one @-@ sided bet match , remaining undefeated in matches where his hair was at risk . After Carlos Colón , Sr. was announced as a member of the 2014 WWE Hall of Fame Class , he participated in two homages held by WWC . On April 6 , 2014 , Colón joined the other members of the family during the official induction ceremony . On July 19 , 2014 , Carlito defeated TNT to win his first WWC Puerto Rico Heavyweight Championship . On October 10 , 2014 , Colón lost the title against Gilbert . On January 24 , 2015 , at Hora de la Verdad , Carly Colón defeated Mighty Ursus and Ray González to win the WWC Universal Championship .

On March 5 , 2016 , Carlito defeated Mr. 450 to win the WWC Universal Championship .

= = In wrestling = =

Finishing moves

Back Cracker / Back Stabber ( Double knee backbreaker )

Figure four leglock ? OVW ; used as a regular move in WWE

Inverted facelock spun out into a DDT ? 2005 ? 2006

Overdrive ? 2004

Signature moves

Backflip off the top rope over a standing opponent , sometimes while springboarding

Dropkick , sometimes from the top rope or while springboarding

Fireman 's carry flapjack

Flowing DDT

Hurricanrana

Japanese arm drag

Lifting reverse STO

Monkey flip

Running knee lift followed by a running clothesline

Snap swinging neckbreaker

Springboard back elbow

Springboard moonsault , sometimes while performing a double jump

Springboard senton bomb , sometimes while performing a double springboard

Sitout spinebuster

Spitting apple pieces into an opponent 's face

Managers

Trish Stratus

Torrie Wilson

The Bella Twins

Brie Bella

Rosa Mendes

Nicknames

" The Caribbean Bad Apple "

Entrance themes

" El que lo hereda no lo hurta " by Los Hijos de los Celebres & Apollo Sound ( 1999 @-@ 2003 ; WWC )

" Tony 's Theme " by Giorgio Moroder ( 2004 ; WWC )

" Cool " by Jim Johnston ( 2004 ? present ; WWE / WWC )

" Burn It To The Ground " by Nickelback ( 2010 ; LLUSA )

= = Championships and accomplishments = =

Family Wrestling Entertainment

FWE Heavyweight Championship ( 1 time )

First Wrestling Society

1WS World Heavyweight Championship ( 1 time , current )

Funking Conservatory

FC Television Championship ( 1 time )

Magnum Pro Wrestling

Magnum Heavyweight Championship ( 1 time )

Millennium Wrestling Federation

MWF Undisputed Championship ( 1 time , Current )

Pro Wrestling Illustrated

PWI ranked him # 27 of the 500 best singles wrestlers of the year in the PWI 500 in 2006

Puerto Rico Wrestling

Tag Team of the Year ( 2008 ) - with Primo

Wrestling Alliance Revolution

WAR World Heavyweight Championship ( 1 time )

World Wrestling Council

WWC Puerto Rico Heavyweight Championship ( 1 time )

WWC Universal Heavyweight Championship ( 16 times , current )

WWC World Tag Team Championship ( 2 times ) ? with Eddie Colón ( 1 ) and Konnan ( 1 )

World Wrestling Entertainment

WWE United States Championship ( 1 time )

WWE Intercontinental Championship ( 1 time )

WWE Tag Team Championship ( 1 time ) ? with Primo

World Tag Team Championship ( 1 time ) ? with Primo

= = = Luchas de Apuestas record = = =