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THE QUEEN'S MEDICAL CENTER HONORS CORTNEY MIDLA, RN, PHNA-BC, AS 2017 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

HONOLULU – The Queen's Medical Center (Queen's) has announced that **Cortney Midla, RN, PHNA-BC**, has been named 2017 Employee of the Year.

She is a clinical data analyst at the Queen's Comprehensive Weight Management Program (CWMP) and has been with Queen's for more than 7 years.

Midla was recognized for her many contributions. She is considered a Jack-of-all-trades and an excellent data analyst who follows patient outcomes closely and looks for ways to improve care. Her work is timely and accurate, she provides a safety net for the patients, and she never hesitates to volunteer for community events.

“She exudes the Queen's values of Compassion, Aloha, Respect and Excellence in all that she does for our patients as well as for all members of our team,” said Malisa Gampong, RN, nurse manager of CWMP. “She is truly a gem for our department, our organization, and our community.”

The Queen's Employee of the Year is chosen from 12 Employees of the Month who represent a staff of over 4,700.

Midla was awarded a personally engraved koa box, free reserved parking for a year and a choice of a \$2,000 award check or travel voucher. Her name will be engraved on a perpetual plaque. She also received \$5,000 from a fund established by Art Ushijima, President of The Queen's Medical Center, in honor of his parents, James and Kay Ushijima.

Originally from the Midwest – growing up in Illinois, Ohio and Indiana – Midla earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Wake Forest University. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and Master of Science degree in Advanced Public Health Nursing at the University of Hawaii – Manoa. She and her husband, Travis, live in downtown Honolulu with their 8-year-old son, Tennessee. In her spare time, she enjoys hiking and attending cultural festivals.

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The Queen's Medical Center (Queen's), a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation established in 1859 by Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV, is an acute care medical facility accredited by The Joint Commission. The facility is licensed for 575 acute beds and serves as the major tertiary and quaternary referral center for cancer, cardiovascular disease, neuroscience, orthopaedics, surgery,



emergency medicine and behavioral health medicine. It is the state's designated trauma center verified as Level I by the American College of Surgeons. It has the only organ transplantation program in Hawaii. Queen's is a major teaching hospital, serving as a clinical training site for the residency programs sponsored by the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii. Queen's is the only hospital in Hawaii to achieve Magnet® status – the highest institutional honor for hospital excellence – from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.