



Hawaii Automobile Dealers' Association

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Aloha KIA owner Bill van den Hurk presents a ceremonial key and use for a year of a new 2017 KIA Forte to Vanessa Ching, a teacher who holds multiple positions at Ewa Makai Middle School in the Leeward District, shown here with her husband Joshua Ching, son Luke, 3, and daughter Kalea, 1.

Aloha KIA provides (use for a year) --a new 2017 Forte to the new Hawaii State Teacher of the Year at Washington Place Ceremonies 3 p.m. Friday, Oct 27.

Aloha KIA owner Bill van den Hurk, who stars along with his dog Annie in his dealership's many television commercials, awarded use for a year of a new 2017 KIA Forte sedan to the newly-named 2017-2018 Hawaii State Teacher of the Year, Vanessa Ching, at ceremonies held at Washington Place, 3 p.m. Friday, October 27, 2017 across from the State Capitol in Honolulu.

Teacher of the Year story, continued.

The Hawaii State Teacher of the Year is selected from 8 finalists – including the 7 District Teachers of the Year and the Charter School Teacher of the Year --to serve for a year and represent Hawaii in the competition for the National Teacher of the Year.

Use of the new car, awarded this year compliments of Aloha KIA, is the 58th such new vehicle provided through the coordination of the Hawaii Automobile Dealers Association to support the Hawaii State Department of Education's annual Teacher of the Year program.

Ching, a National Board Certified elementary and special education teacher, holds multiple positions at Ewa Makai Middle School—Student Activities Coordinator, Year Book Advisor and Green Program Coordinator.

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noun: **forte**; noun: **one's forte**; plural noun: **one's fortes**; plural noun: **fortes**

1 **1.** a thing at which someone excels. "small talk was not his forte"

2 *synonym* **3 strength**, strong point, **specialty**, **strong suit**, **talent**, special ability, **skill**, **bent**, **gift**,
m **métier**; *informal* **thing** "acting had always been her forte"
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