

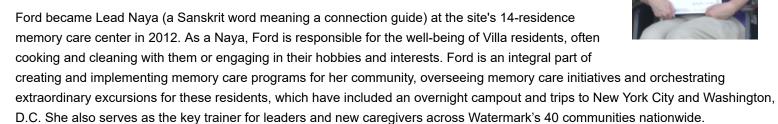
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## NCCDP names memory care CNA of the Year

## By Pamela Tabar, Editor-in-Chief

Lisa Ford, a 19-year caregiver at The Watermark at East Hill (http://easthill.watermarkcommunities.com/), Southbury, Connecticut, has been named the Certified Nursing Assistant of the Year by the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners (NCCDP).

The national award recognizes certified nursing assistants, home health aides and personal care assistants that go above and beyond in their leadership, work ethic and commitment to patients, residents or customers. Ford was nominated by her fellow associates at The Watermark at East Hill and was chosen from hundreds of applications.



Nayas are trained to become Certified Dementia Practitioners and work side-by-side with their residents throughout the day. The certification provides Nayas with a deeper, more personal commitment to the quality of care for residents.

"Lisa's genuine interest and concern for our residents is unmatched, coming up with creative solutions to reach each person in a unique way," said Christine Woodman, Director of Human Resources at The Watermark at East Hill, who was among those to nominate Ford. "Lisa has devoted nearly half of her life to the long-term care profession, and specifically to our community. The Watermark at East Hill is a much better place as a direct result of her work ethic, professionalism and compassion."

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