



# Aquaris Helps Kristle Cowan Swim Without Limitations



High school senior Kristle Cowan is an avid swimmer who was frustrated that she couldn't wear her hearing aids in the pool. When she tried waterproof and dustproof Aquaris™ hearing aids from Siemens, they gave her the confidence she needs to pursue her goals in the pool, at ROTC, and in the classroom, letting her ability define her rather than her limitations.



High school senior Kristle Cowan is no stranger to overcoming obstacles. Despite being diagnosed with hearing loss at age four, Kristle swims on her high school swim team and is a member of the junior ROTC. She doesn't let her hearing loss stop her from meeting her goals.

Kristle's hearing loss was identified when her kindergarten teacher noticed she was having trouble hearing instructions in the classroom. Her parents took her to an audiologist, who fit her with a pair of hearing aids that she wore for more than 10 years. When a friend who happened to be the daughter of her school's swim team encouraged her to join the team, Kristle was determined not to let her hearing loss stop her from competing, even though she couldn't wear her hearing aids in the pool. At times, Kristle wasn't able to hear the starting horn or hear her coach's instructions, which was frustrating enough that she considered quitting the team.

It wasn't until a house fire destroyed her hearing aids that Kristle had the opportunity to see how far hearing aid technology had come in the last decade. Her hearing care specialist, Lynn Robbins of Crystal Clear Hearing in Phoenix, Arizona recommended the [Aquaris from Siemens](#), the only completely waterproof, dustproof, and shock-resistant hearing aid.

With her new Aquaris hearing aids, Kristle has been able to keep up with the other swimmers, focusing on the competition itself instead of worrying about missing important instructions from her coach and other officials. With the help of the staff at Crystal Clear Hearing, she now takes advantage of the unique swimming program setting Aquaris offers to keep her hearing as sharp in the pool as she does at home or in the classroom. Kristle enjoys the natural sound quality she now hears compared to her old hearing aids, which required her to take them

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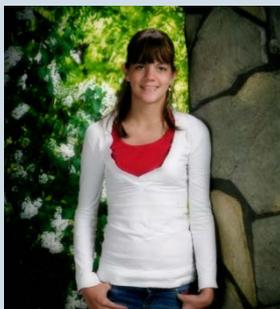
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out when she entered a noisy environment. She is now able to easily adjust her hearing aids by remote control. And with a smaller profile, most people don't even notice she is wearing hearing aids at all.

Kristle's swimming coach, Marci Sears, who is also her American Sign Language teacher, has been tremendously supportive throughout her time on the team. Before Aquaris, Marci had to stand

Kristle's life, she immediately began to spread the word to other swimmers with hearing impairment.

Aquaris allows Kristle to continue excelling in whatever she wants to do, rather than allowing her hearing loss to define her. She is more confident and enjoys a better quality of life—without limitations.



on the swim deck to let Kristle read her lips during events, and at times had to deal with judges who disqualified Kristle because she couldn't hear when to start. When she saw the difference that Aquaris made in [www.usa.siemens.com/hearing](http://www.usa.siemens.com/hearing)

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