



Wellbeats™

Member Spotlight



Kaia

Certified Women's Health
Nurse Practitioner



UnityPoint Health

Kaia works out regularly with Wellbeats and her elliptical

"It's important to exercise and take care of yourself," says Kaia, a Certified Women's Health Nurse Practitioner at UnityPoint Health – Trinity Muscatine Public Health.

Kaia actively participates in OnPoint for Health to earn wellness points. She has participated in activities including reading about health topics; watching videos; playing Sudoku; doing squats, planks, and pushups; and many more. "There's always an exercise challenge going on ... do your 150 minutes a week to earn 10 points," says Kaia.

Kaia was accustomed to running daily to earn her points, but then she started experiencing knee pain. "It was recommend that I walk instead of running all the time," she says. "But walking didn't get my heart rate up. Then I got an elliptical machine [that's more gentle on the knees]."

Wellbeats was introduced as an OnPoint for Health option in May of 2021. Employees were given two ways to become acquainted with the platform: "You could choose between a fitness challenge or a meditation challenge," says Kaia. "I did the meditation challenge." Kaia says that experience piqued her interest, and she began checking out other classes. "Then it occurred to me: I can take this Wellbeats and put it on my elliptical [i.e., play classes on her tablet device] and do workouts that way."

Kaia discovered her favorite set of classes by Olympian Carrie Tollefson, Wellbeats' Run Lead and Coach. "Now I get on my elliptical at 5:30 a.m. four to five times a week.

I like it because I have Carrie working out with me and giving me positive reinforcement and challenging me." Kaia enjoys choosing a workout the night before and saving it to her schedule. "That tells me to get up at 5:30 a.m. and be accountable to myself," she says. Kaia likes them so much, in fact, that she often replays the same 20-minute class three times to get up to her hour-long daily workout goal. Two of Kaia's favorite Carrie classes are [Sunrise Run](#) and [Basic Intervals](#). "They're a bit of a challenge and they get my heartrate up. I do both of them a couple times a week," says Kaia. She admits that, "I can get up on the elliptical and think 'Ugh. Why am I doing this?' And then all of a sudden I realize, 'Hey, I know why I'm doing this: I feel better; I'm ready to start my day; I've done something for myself.'"

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"The other thing that's nice about Wellbeats is that you can save your favorites," says Kaia. "So I can just go to that folder and not have to sort through all the options." She has also added some audio workouts with Mark and Gea to her favorites folder.

Kaia had been very disappointed when she started having knee pain from running. "I'm pro-exercise; I think it's good mentally and physically for everybody. So when Wellbeats started and I figured out I could do this with my elliptical and get a decent workout, I was just tickled to death," she smiled.