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Syracuse University students competed in the fourth annual MLB hackathon style challenge. Major League Baseball Advanced Media and the iSchool at Syracuse University teamed up to bring students the real world experience of working on deadline and going without sleep for 24 hours.

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Students Take Part in Hackathon Challenge

JULIE WALAS HUNYH, iSchool Program Manager: They’ve been up all night, this is day two of a twenty-four hackathon style challenge. It’s a partnership between the iSchool at Syracuse University and Major League Baseball Advanced Media. This is the fourth annual competition and the students are given a challenge, a prompt at dinner on Thursday night and they don’t really know what they’re getting into until then. They have an idea, they knew that this year’s challenge was about big data. But they didn’t know how that would end up, and how that would turn out to look like. And so this morning the projects are done and it’s time to focus on the pitches and so now they’ve got to sell these ideas.

UNIDENTIFIED STUDENT: Keith make sure you bang out the pitch hardcore, hopefully you guys can get that stuff done, I’m going to practice obviously up until here, the pitch.

JOSH FROST, MLB Advanced Media: I think the benefit is a few things. One is the direct experience of participating in the program. You know we work all-nighters all the time to try and figure out big problems especially on tight deadlines. Obviously our schedule is pretty fixed with Opening Day, World Series, the All-Star Game, big events like that. And we see this as another big event, a way that students can really work together on a team, which we do every single day at the office and rely on each other in order to reach an end goal. So we think this is kind of just a great demonstration of that and we think that the opportunity for them to not only work together but to work together under pressure, which is frankly what everyone has to do in the real world will give them an example of what they not only have to look forward to but to test themselves.