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Oakland's players and the students spent time exploring what similarities and differences there were between each other and then set out to write essays on those similarities and differences.

OU's players used the opportunity to work with the students on English skills, including capitalization, punctuation and spelling. The athletes also shared with the students, who had been reading a story about the Olympics and softball, their experiences of playing at the college level.

For more information on OU's softball team, visit the **OU Athletics** Web site.

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