‘Shackathon’

Ellie Franklinburger, Ayanna McDougald, Mersades Spence and Kelvin Powell, all members of Eastern Connecticut State University’s chapter of Habitat for Humanity, slept outdoors in cardboard boxes for the annual ‘Shackathon’ recently. The event challenged participants to spend a full day outside — academic schedules permitting — sleeping in the elements and only eating donated food. The ‘Shackathon’ aims to raise awareness of homelessness and substandard housing. It’s also a fundraiser, with proceeds going to the Windham chapter of Habitat for Humanity. More than $350 was raised this year.