VIDEO TRANSCRIPT: E-sports: Gaming can pay tuition fees

American universities have a long tradition of awarding scholarships to students who display excellence out on the sports field. With a US degree costing tens of thousands of dollars, an athletic scholarship can pay for tuition and in some cases lead to a career as a professional athlete.
These students are benefiting from scholarships which cover some of the cost of their university degrees. They are part of a college team which plays the video game *League of* *Legends*, competitively. Robert Morris University in Chicago is the first in the world to offer an athletic scholarship of this kind.
Kurt Melcher is one of the sports coaches at the college. The electronic or eSports scholarship was his idea. “We are in a college league, there are 105 other schools that are in this league. We are the only ones that have decided to be varsity and give athletic scholarships for it. They practice Monday through Friday, four hour blocks, so everyone in this room is receiving some sort of scholarship. So it is somewhat like a job, but you know, it's a job that they love.
RMU's e-sports team, the Eagles, have a dedicated practice space kitted out with ultra responsive mechanical keyboards and high-end computers, monitors. And the players receive analysis and discussions on tactics from coaches. Much like all the colleges’ other team sports.
“I used to play league of legends, I mean, yeah, I was pretty much addicted to the game. But here you have to play so much to keep up and to be the best, like we are, undefeated and we do that because we practice so much.
“I think there are so many parallels to traditional sports, outside of the physical exertion, that *League of* *Legends* and e-sports provide. It is certainly just as competitive. When I see the players in this room practising it is the competition level as you would see in American football, baseball or soccer. Just because it is not cardiovascular, it is very detail-oriented, you have to have hand-eye coordination strategic mind. All of those things mirror traditional sports up and down.”

**Vocabulary:**

tuition fess= fees paid for further education ( frais de scolarité)

a degree= academic qualification= diploma

a league= an organization in sports ( une division)

varsity= university team= équipe universitaire

somewhat= to a certain extent (assez)

kitted out= equipped

college= university

to keep up= perform as well (suivre)

exertion= physical effort

soccer= European football