

## A Wolfpack Welcome for Golf Legend and Course Designer Arnold Palmer

Link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qv8hzgs6ZAY> (2:55 TRT)

*(Applause)*

**Arnold Palmer:** (0:06) The golf course is beautiful - it's taken very well and only time will make it much, much better, with the maturity of the grasses and things that are happening. In this day and age, to have what North Carolina State will have in this golf course is something that is starting to spread, but it's so nice to see this happening here in Raleigh and for the university.

**NC State chancellor James Woodward:** (0:41) What I would hope is everybody recognizes what this means for the university, its instructional programs, its research programs and the university's commitment to support the community. This is a tremendous asset for NC State and - maybe even more importantly - it's a tremendous asset for this region and this state. I, on behalf of all the NC State family, want to thank Mr. Palmer and his team for a great design and Lonnie Poole, for once again stepping up and supporting his alma mater.

**Lonnie Poole:** (1:11) Sometimes municipal courses and college courses don't have a very big budget to work with and as a result, they are mediocre. This is not mediocre, and I am really proud of it. You did a great job and everybody's enthusiasm and effort really shows.

**Chancellor Woodward:** (1:29) Any public university is obligated to conduct educational programs that reflect the greater needs. Golf is a big, big business in this country. It's a growing business and an important business in the state of North Carolina, and I was really pleased to learn the extent to which we have developed educational programs that support that industry, but in particular, research programs that support that industry, and even more broadly than that industry itself. It is clear that those programs are successful, because we have very bright students applying from all over the country and fortunately, they are finding opportunities when they graduate.

**Lonnie Poole:** (2:12) If there hadn't been an NC State at a very affordable rate, I would not have gotten a college education and I would not have been able to succeed in the business world as I have.

**Chancellor Woodward:** (2:22) This is a living laboratory for those academic programs and for the faculty who are obligated to do research in those disciplines that support the programs.

**Arnold Palmer:** (2:32) You can't take a thing away from what has been built out there, and Lonnie and people who have worked so hard and made large contributions to make all of this happen - you can't thank them enough.

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