

## **NC State chancellor Jim Woodward visits the Wolfpack football team**

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**Background:** Football players cheering

**NC State chancellor Jim Woodward:** At any institution, athletics is the window through which most people see the university. And, certainly, the two sports that are most seen by people outside the university are football and basketball. This time of the year, it's football, so this is the sport, the event at the university that really represents all the students at North Carolina State.

**NC State director of athletics Lee Fowler:** It's very important. [NC State QB] Russell Wilson asked me coming in if the new chancellor was ever going to come out. Luckily he was coming today. I think there's no question that students like to see the head of the university and that's very important to them, so I think it's something that means a lot to student-athletes. When I went to college, I never met the athletic director – I thought that was really strange that you didn't meet the person heading up the program, so I think it's very important for student-athletes to know who's in charge and who runs the university.

**Chancellor Woodward:** I'm pleased to be here. ACC sports is, in my view, perhaps the best sports in the country. Obviously, the SEC might argue a little bit with that, but this is a conference that has institutions - first-class academic institutions, and certainly NC State is, and who play first-class athletics in all sports. NC State does that, so I am proud to be at a university that's a member of the ACC conference and I am proud to be at a university that I think is going to win the conference championship in football this year.

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