

Dr. Wolf Introduction

Cancer Moonshot Event

Katie Sawyer

Purdue University

Good afternoon. On behalf of the university, I am pleased to welcome you to the Center for Cancer Research and the first ever Cancer Moonshot Event. We are one of more than 250 groups gathered around the country today as part of President Obama's \$1 billion initiative to end cancer.

With a name like Cancer Moonshot we didn't have to look far for the perfect speaker to kick off today's event. Dr. David Wolf is not only a Purdue alumnus, earning a degree in electrical engineering in 1978, but he is a doctor, and an astronaut who traveled to space four different times and is credited with being the first man to walk on the moon.

I have spoken with Dr. Wolf several times about his work in space and he always leaves me with new insight on life outside of gravity. I would like to share one piece of advice he passed along to me some time back:

"Don't eat the lasagna the night you land, . . . And that hot shower, don't make it a long one. It's a little hard to stand up, especially when you're washing your hair and your head has to move. That can get you twirling around pretty good." ---*Wait for laughter---*

Dr. Wolf may be best known for his time in space but his research and work aimed at finding a cure for cancer is his real passion. He has been instrumental in putting the university at the forefront of cancer research and I am pleased to have him here to talk about his work and contributions to the nation Cancer Moonshot initiative.

Please help me welcome Dr. David Wolf. ---*applause---*