

A **FABRIC DANCER** performs above the street. • Project Runway Finalist and College of Design Professor **JUSTIN LEBLANC** poses with a fan. • The NC State **PIPES & DRUMS** Band parades past North Hall on their way to the Belltower. *Photos (above and at right) courtesy of Pack Pix.*

nc state's biggest block party

FROM DAWN 'TILL DUSK, THE WOLFPACK SHOWCASES THEIR BEST ON HILLSBOROUGH STREET.

One of NC State's newest annual traditions is Packapalooza, which has grown exponentially since its inaugural year in 2012. This all-day street festival caps off Wolfpack Welcome Week each fall and consists of food, music, showcased groups, activities, entertainment, and much more.

The festival aims to get students involved and start the year off with a bang. Recent festival goers have been delighted with the musical stylings of Chancellor Randy Woodson, head football coach Dave Doeren, and American Idol singer and NC State student Scotty McCreery as they joined thousands to sing North Carolina's anthem, "Wagon Wheel." Other highlights have included appearances by College of Design assistant professor and Project Runway contestant Justin Leblanc, NC State athletes, and the band Mutemath.

Throughout the day, participants also have the opportunity to learn about NC State's traditions, including the history of our iconic Belltower and what makes it chime. Zones all along Hillsborough Street – such as a Green Zone, an Arts Zone, a Wolfpack Zone, a Sports Zone, an International Zone, as well as a Public Safety Zone – showcase how NC State is making an academic impact beyond our campus borders.

A festival would not be complete without food. Bring your appetite and enjoy turkey legs, roasted corn, deep-fried candy bars and, of course, Howling Cow Ice Cream. So come out, bring your friends, and watch as this annual street festival rocks Raleigh as it takes over Hillsborough Street.