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Secretary Spellings Highlights Math and Science Education at Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy

Video Quotes (July 23, 2007)

Secretary Spellings joined professional golfer Phil Mickelson, his wife Amy, officials from ExxonMobil, the National Science Teachers Association, and Math Solutions for a [national town hall](#) with elementary math and science teachers from across the country on July 23, 2007. The town hall emphasized the importance of science, technology, engineering, and math education. Secretary Spellings -- who was treated to a golf lesson in science by Mickelson -- discussed the importance of preparing students to compete in the 21st century global workforce.

"Employers today need workers with 'pocket protector' skills, creative problem solvers with strong math and science backgrounds. The more students we train to be entrepreneurs and creative problem solvers, the more jobs they'll create, and the greater ability they'll have to improve the quality of life for others."
— Secretary Spellings

Professional golfer Phil Mickelson gives Secretary Spellings a brief lesson on the science of golfing.



Professional golfer Phil Mickelson emphasizes the importance of his college degree and the need for more science and engineering graduates if the U.S. is to remain the "global scientific leader."



Secretary Spellings points to good teaching as the key to preparing all students for the global economy.



Secretary Spellings stresses the need for an excellent teacher in every classroom.



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