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Creative Coding

When I first looked at the assignment I almost started crying because it took me back to middle school when I read Randy Pausch's book, *The Last Lecture*. The ending of the book was really sad, thankfully the lecture didn't end on such a sad note. While I read the book, I never actually watched the lecture. I really enjoyed it because Randy is such an engaging speaker. I identified with his overall motivation throughout his career to check off his bucket list experiences that he had since he was a child. While I don't believe I have any of those goals now because I am trying to find what I want to do in life. It's inspirational and inspiring to see a person be able to accomplish so much that they set their mind to. It also serves as a good example of the vast number of opportunities and jobs that don't "directly" relate to their major. Randy not only talked about the stories that allowed him to accomplish his dreams but also the people that helped him along the way. This wide show of people and support that Randy received shows the importance of connections and finding people who can be in your own corner. They mentored, encouraged, and overall allowed Randy to achieve everything that he wanted. Even his university allowed growth within Randy and his career. While I think most of the quotes throughout the lecture would be helpful to cite, I believe that the two biggest takeaways for me would be take chances and find opportunities to fulfill your dream and have a good group of people or organizations in your corner, there to back you up when you need them.