

Personally the “last Lecture” did have a rather profound impact on me. I kind of talked a bit about it in my mindset discussion, But one thing that was mentioned was “no one will tell you if you are doing something wrong. Since it can mean they gave up on you”

It hit me hard since I have personally felt the effect of both ends of a teacher not giving up on me, and likewise the feeling of having one not even bother with me at all.

One teacher went out of his way to try and change my outlook and make me a better student. A student who actually could believe in herself and be proud of the work she could do with a little bit of effort.

And another who I am pretty certain didn’t care to try at all. Even such a simple act made me think that I was forever doomed to be horrible with mathematics.

As a kid my mindset and the idea of who I could be and who I was was greatly impacted, and for most of my time as a young student. It was always pretty negative on myself.

I was worried that because I couldn’t do some things in highschool, there was no way I could do it in college, and that meant I couldn’t get into college or succeed in it.

And college had always been a HUGE goal of mine to do. Even more so it was a goal to get to UM and get into the arts program.

It was in college when I had another change in my mindset though...I had so many instructors work with me, and they were so easy to understand and keep up with. The thought that “I can’t do it” suddenly seemed to just get washed away within a year.

If I had kept onto the same path of “I can’t” and didn’t bother trying to find out if “I could” I am scared to think I might have never grown mentally the way I have and discovered that I could not only become smarter, but that I could accomplish my wishes and long held dreams of continuing in school and hopefully further as a career.

I realize now that most of my life was just a brick wall...one made mostly by myself. And when I actually tried and put my mind to it.

The Last Lecture has many stories in it, but they all seemed to have something in common. A man wanted to achieve his goals, regardless of what tried to stop him from doing so. And he did and much more as well. I think it's a pretty important message and story to hear, not only is it humorous but it helps show that even the impossible can be accomplished.