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## **Last Lecture**

*Last Lecture* was performed by Randy Pausch months before he died in 2008. The lecture covered Randy's childhood dreams and how he achieved them. He then went over all the people who helped him along the way, and how mentors and mentees shaped how he lived his life. The lecture was incredibly sincere and powerful, and will certainly leave lasting impressions on how I am going to live my life.

One of the main ideas that Randy echoed throughout the lecture is not that we need to constantly chase our dreams, but that if we work hard and maintain good karma, our dreams will come in time. By continuing to work hard, people can become good at things they want to be good at, thus making them more valuable to others. If people are nice to others and maintain good karma, they will want to help and provide advice. These virtues are things that I am going to focus on throughout the rest of my life.

The next most important thing that Randy covered in the lecture is the value of learning from and teaching others. Randy mentioned that he wanted to get a job after college, but was convinced by one of his mentors to go to graduate school and become a professor at Carnegie Mellon. Randy was then able to start up a virtual reality program at Carnegie Mellon that has produced some of the best virtual reality educational work in the country. Randy proved himself to be a great learner and thus was able to become a great teacher.

Overall, the lecture was very inspiring and I am glad that we got the opportunity to watch it as a class.