

My Thoughts on The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch.

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Pausch's Lecture on achieving childhood dreams is an amazing lecture. There are so many things that could be taken away from it. For me It was interesting how he went about doing these things. Because like he says early on, he faces many brick walls that should and probably would stop most people. However, he seems to just push past them with very imaginative ways to get around the walls.

I think that one lesson alone is very important to learn and take away from the lecture.

Coming from a reservation myself and a homeschool environment. I've faced many brick walls in my life. Some of them were designed as such by our government to keep me and my people restricted. Others like working past racism and bigotry in the workplace and society. If you want to succeed you have to break through these walls.

His words are really inspiring. I really wish I had watched this lecture long ago or could show it to a younger me. Because maybe I would have seen those walls earlier or had an easier time breaking through them. Because a lot of the time my way of getting around restrictions was to just keep hammering them until they finally fall. Sometimes to the detriment of my own goals.

His work in VR was also really interesting to me. I just recently bought a Meta Quest 3 and use it for Flight Sims and other games. I Wonder what he would think of how VR changed

and how it is used today. I also wonder how many of his students are now shaping these VR experiences today.