

What stuck out to me the most was just how hard Randy Pausch pushed himself to achieve what he wanted, whether that be his time with Disney as an Imagineer or with his work as a professor, pushing his students to achieve more than what they thought capable of. It speaks volumes about his passion for education and inspiring others that he was this upbeat and excited to talk to students, even when faced with the knowledge that this would be his final lecture before he eventually died of pancreatic cancer. His energy and drive can be felt through the humor and passion behind his lecture, despite his waning health.

I found myself growing increasingly invested in his lecture as it went on. As I learned more about his life, his struggles, and his desire to help his students achieve their dreams, it motivated me to try and emulate that mentality of always aspiring for more, even if you think you can't. Each time Raust pushed his students to try harder, they excelled to greater heights than they even believed possible, and that's both something I want for myself and to provide to others.