Randy Pausch Reflection

Randy Pausch is someone I’ve already been somewhat familiar with due to two facets. His work on the Aladdin ride is something I was aware of, and his dabbling in VR I’m also familiar with. The history of Disney’s Imagineers is fascinating for so many different reasons, and when I did a deep dive into that whole area I learned of Randy’s work on Aladdin and the whole story behind DisneyQuest. Likewise, through various strands I came across Randy’s name again during my VR deep dive. I had a small partnership with Oculus back when they first started and were looking for developers to create content for their original Oculus Touch launch on the CV1. Around that time, I was really diving into the history of VR and came across Randy’s name a couple times.

What can one really add to something they already whole heartedly agree with beyond, “I couldn’t have said it better myself.” Randy’s outlook on pushing through barricades and not necessarily tearing down but analyzing and adjusting to walls is an ideology I’ve already been trying to practice for years now. I didn’t know he was such an amazing motivational speaker, all I was familiar with was his technical and mechanical work, so for him to once again pop up in my education in this capacity was surprising but extremely delightful. I had already known the man was a genius, but now I know he is also a legend.