Last Lecture

Randy Pausch’s *Last Lecture: Achieving Your Childhood Dreams* was a really inspiring watch. His joyous energy and perseverance is truly motivating. There wasn’t a point in the lecture where I felt bored, as he was sporadically pulling out a prop or cracking a joke. He talked about how he achieved his own goals and encouraged students to do the same with theirs.

I liked his analogy to the brick wall. He mentioned this when Disney Animation denied his application and said that brick walls are meant to keep the weak people out. It’s important to remember that you should always strive to get around the biggest obstacles. There’s always a bright side to even the worst of the news. Getting over the brick walls in life will be more rewarding than turning your back on them. Pausch taught this lesson by explaining his own experience with setbacks and how when one door closed, another opened.

Another line that I really thought was impactful was when he said, “you’ll only do them a disservice by putting the bar anywhere”. I think this is a really amazing concept to hold yourself by. This ties into our lesson about having a growth mindset or a fixed mindset. By believing that you’re only capable of achieving a certain amount, you’re limiting your own growth. Pausch encouraged everyone to push their own limits and to never give up on those childhood dreams.