

The Last Lecture Essay

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Randy Pausch's lecture really resonated with me. His story of how he achieved his childhood dreams and then went on to help others make their dreams come true was extremely powerful. I especially liked how accepting Pausch was to the dreams on others. Because Pausch experienced firsthand just how impactful chasing your dreams can be in motivating you to make strides in your life, Pausch is a perfect teacher for students trying to follow their dreams.

Like almost everyone on the planet, I have had my fair share of dreams throughout my 19 years of being alive. Being a triathlete, having a big YouTube following, and working as a video editor on a film, are all dreams I have had at some point in my life. While I might not be the worlds greatest at any of these things, I have been making progress on all three of these dreams.

Out of everything Pausch talked about, my favorite section was when he mentioned how one of his students pretended to stab themselves after their project wasn't working. I think this is a great illustration of how Pausch's students learned to work with failure. Instead of getting discouraged and giving up, this student accepted that something went wrong and was even able to make a funny joke about it. Hearing Pausch's lecture was extremely motivative for me as it showcased just how obtainable dreams are if you work hard enough. I'll definitely be thinking about "The Last Lecture" for a while.