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After watching the “Last Lecture” featuring Randy Pausch, I found myself struck by how down to earth and genuinely funny he was. His method of describing his goals, as well as how he achieved them was super interesting to me. His talks of his experience as an imagineer was super interesting. It also provided a cool glimpse into the past of virtual reality technology, as well as Disney itself.

Pausch’s experiences as a professor provided an interesting perspective on learning, as well as collaboration. I was impressed with the ingenuity as well as the passion sparked from his courses. The short video provided by him from one of his former students did get a really good laugh out of me upon my first watching of the lecture, and prompted a swift double take to ensure I was still on the same video. I believe this was my favorite portion of his lecture. He seemed to be so enthusiastic about the program he created, and all of the positive reception it received in the 10 years he proceeded with it.

The short and bittersweet segment, where Randy sang a heartfelt happy birthday to his wife, having felt terrible about his complications forbidding her from truly celebrating her birthday, made me emotional, knowing what was going to happen to him, and his wife’s tearful reaction was extremely potent with emotion. I was able to tell how passionate Pausch was in this lecture, and was able to tell how much he enjoyed what he had done in his life, as well as how much he cared about others. I believe his messages will sit with me for a long while.