

The last lecture was incredibly interesting to watch. Not only was Randy very engaging and easy to listen to, but everything he was talking about was interesting as well. I especially loved his enthusiasm and ability to stay positive despite his situation, and knowing that it was in fact, his last lecture.

I think what affected me the most was how much he accomplished even in his relatively short life. Not only did he accomplish most of his childhood dreams, which is something that not a lot of people ever get to do, but he also inspired an incredible amount of students through his teaching. His Building Virtual Worlds class was especially amazing to me. He brought to life an idea that taught students not only about computer science, but about art and performance. It was especially cool to see how much of an impact the class had on the rest of the school as well as the students in the class. It went from just being a novel idea of a class to a school-wide event that brought thousands of students together every year.

“We cannot change the cards we are dealt, just how we play the game”(Pausch, 2007). This quote really resonated with me. I don't know why this quote hit me so hard, but I got chills when he said it. The way he lived by these words is super inspiring. He was dealt a shitty hand at the end of his life and faced many roadblocks throughout his career, but chose to continue to inspire and help people till the end.

## Sources

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