

## Randy Pausch Lecture

The two things that I really took away from his lecture were: wait long enough and people will surprise and impress you and brick walls are there for a reason they make us prove how bad we want something.

I've never heard the line, "wait long enough and people will surprise and impress you" before and it definitely isn't something I would think of on my own. I think that it is definitely a good rule to live by because I think that second chances are definitely important.

Another line I thought was interesting was about brick walls. I've been told similar things in motivational speeches and what not but never phrased in this way. This one is definitely less creative than the last one but I think it is definitely important to use hardships as fuel to be better. As a college athlete I have had a ton of bad or disappointing races. For example, I got dead last at last year's conference meet and I used that as fuel and trained harder than I ever had this summer and it paid off when I won our team's time trial by a wide margin.