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Creative Coding 1

HW 2 - The Last Lecture Response

I thought The Last Lecture was very motivating and it made me feel more optimistic about pursuing my childhood dreams. Working towards any goal can be challenging. I think career goals are particularly challenging because our society often blurs the line between career and identity. Our career choices impact our status in several ways. One such way is connected to earnings. Those who earn less might be treated as though their value to society is less than those who earn more. Furthermore, art degrees seem to be judged more harshly by financial gurus than STEM degrees, adding to the idea that an art degree is a waste of time and money. The Last Lecture encouraged me to suspend my fear of judgment and forge ahead towards my dreams. The idea that affected me most was the value of accepting the hand we are dealt and how that helps us resist limiting beliefs.