Achieving Your Childhood Dreams

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Randy Pausch delivers a very passionate speech about his struggles, and how he maintains a positive outlook of his own life in his lecture; Achieving Your Childhood Dreams. To be completely honest, the video was pretty difficult for me to relate to, personally. Randy has definitely had his fair share of struggles in his personal life, no doubt about it. However, I find in this particular setting, Randy, an incredibly well-educated and privileged white man, speaking about his achievements and constant positive outlook on life to other well-educated, mostly white men and women to be more than a little bit out of touch. Not to be critical of his conditions but showing off his stuffed animals that he won at Disney world while sporting his pristine letterman jacket is not very relatable. Not so inspiring to say; someone who has never been to Disneyland, someone who will never have the opportunity to attend college, let alone graduate school and beyond. I am not attempting to downplay his life & circumstances, but listening to the lecture, it is clear Randy was fortunate enough to get set off on the right foot metaphorically speaking. I do not take away from his achievements or his accompaniment at all, I just find his struggles and values to be slightly different than mine

Whether Randy and I would see eye to eye in person is besides the point. I do completely understand and fully support the message of his lecture. And the way I interpret it is, that you ARE achieving your childhood dreams if you are always pursing them. If you have a positive mindset and consistently work hard towards your goals, success will be a byproduct of your efforts. That is what I took away from his lecture, and overall, I think it is a very good message. Like some rapper said, “shoot for the stars, so if you fall you land on a cloud.”