

## *The Last Lecture*

Firstly, I found this speech very inspiring. I connected with many things, and was affected by the subjects he spoke upon. It had everything from childhood aspirations to putting these dreams into practice. He has a lot of experience and wisdom in his toolbelt.

### *What affected you most?*

“Brick walls are there for a reason: they let you prove how badly we want things.” I love this quote.. It’s so true! Writer’s block, trouble, worry, etc. get in the way of our pursuits and passions. However, we grow stronger in these situations and thus persevere. We have torn down the brick wall and have succeeded.

I have not studied or ‘been too into’ VR, but after watching this it made me interested in getting to know more about it and even experiencing it first hand. It was cool to see the old school VR sets. Wires and everything. They look similar to the sets of these times but probably a lot heavier.

The ETC is inspiring. It would be fun to do something like that. I like how that learning process is based upon work and experience rather than merely studying and attending lectures. It is definitely nice to find a balance between the two. That being said, what I like about the media arts department is that it’s very hands on.

### *What did you identify with?*

Things that I identified with most:

Playing in the NFL was my dream too. I had a career ending injury that left me hopeless for my NCAA dream. I identified with how he’s an ex-football player who is now into tech. Very similar to my path as well.

I also wanted to be a part of Disney Imagineer. So much so that I changed my production name to *Imagineering Freelance Cinema* (which is now *Conor Jones Art*).

“It’s all about fundamentals” I was taught this in not only football, but in school - classes like math and coding. When you know the basic foundation of something you can soar into new heights of knowledge and learning.