

In this video ‘the last lecture’ Randy Pausch explores his childhood dreams and walks the audience through how he achieved each one of them. With every one of his goals he began to hit roadblocks. He was rejected from the program that would allow him to go into zero gravity in space. He got a rejection letter from Disney to become an Imagineer. Instead of allowing those dreams to fade, he viewed it as a challenge to try harder to reach each of his goals. Even after he accomplished all of these dreams on his list, in some way or another he began to make new dreams for himself. This is how I felt most akin to his spirit. He never had an end goal, he wasn’t satisfied after these dreams were over, he began to build new ones. After he became an Imagineer at Disney (which was his last dream on his list) he wanted to make other peoples’ childhood dreams come true. He started a program at Carnegie Mellon when he was a professor where he asked his students to build any kind of virtual reality world they wanted. The class ended up being a huge success and bringing people together from all over the campus to watch these new VR worlds that were created. I am inspired by the way he brought people together by allowing them the creative space to imagine whole new worlds. By doing this he not only was achieving his own goals but also allowed all of his students to reach new heights in not only their education and careers, but also their curiosity and imagination.

When he had achieved his childhood dreams it allowed him to build on them and make something even better. His goals as a child didn’t hold him back as an adult, but steered him toward the life he wanted and could achieve. These accomplishments only happened because he believed in himself and wasn’t afraid to fail at first. He exemplified that it is important to retain your curiosity and wonder to become an imaginative and happy adult. The things I agreed with in his lecture is that your imagination is not something that holds you back but something that steers you toward your future, and to achieve those goals you must be able to keep trying until

you succeed. I found this message to be quite powerful and inspiring for what I could do in the future. His drive is very inspiring and with his message I think that it helped me envision my dreams and ideas into something tangible and achievable.