



Adult RE  
Sunday  
02/24/2008

# Celebration of Life

(Randy Pausch,  
dealing with  
pancreatic cancer)

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**Randy Pausch**

Computer Science, HCI, and Design

Really Achieving  
Your Childhood Dreams



**Tuesday  
September 18th  
2007  
4:30pm  
McConomy  
Auditorium**

Most of us have childhood dreams, for example, being an astronaut, or making movies or video games for a living. Sadly, most people don't achieve them, and I think that's a shame. I had several specific childhood dreams, and I've actually achieved most of them. More importantly, I have found ways, in particular the creative (with Dan Marshall), at CMU's Entertainment Technology Center (<http://www.etc.cmu.edu>) of helping many young people actually "achieve" their childhood dreams.

The talk will discuss how I achieved my childhood dreams, being in zero gravity, designing theme park rides for Disney, and a few others, and will discuss readily advice on how "you" can live your life so that you can make your childhood dreams come true, too.

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## Who is Randy Pausch?

- Computer Science Professor at Carnegie Mellon
  - Work with Disney Imagineering
  - 47, Married to Jai, 3 small children
  - “Last lecture” at CMU in September 2007
- Diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer about 18 months ago
  - Undergoing Chemo-therapy
- In August 2007, life expectation about 6 months



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10 minute Video of his last lecture  
(Excerpt from Oprah TV show)

Think about:

- What would I do in his situation?
- How would I deal with it?
- How would I tell the world about my situation?

**Your thoughts and discussion after the video.**



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## Discussion Points:

- Life and how to live
- Childhood dreams: Where are you in your journey?
- Never lose the spirit of your dreams
- Experience is what you get when you do not get what you want
- When you are doing a bad job and no one points it out to you, it means they have given up on you
- Brick walls that in our way are there for a reason, not to keep us out, but to show how much we want something
- People vs. Things: Your experiences
- Are you a Tigger or an Eeyore?
- Show gratitude
- Tell the truth
- Apologize (properly)
- Wait, and people will show their good side
- Do not complain, just work harder

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