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Pausch, Randy. *The Last Lecture*. Yperion, 2008

**Associate Professor Voeller chose this book because:**

Randy Pausch, a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon until he retired because of cancer, gave his "Last Lecture" there not on the topic of his impending death, but instead focused his talk on "Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams." Pausch's outlook on life, love for his family, and overall enthusiasm for everything he tried truly moved me to think differently about my own work and the lives of those I am lucky enough to touch. In an interview, Pausch said, "Like any teacher, my students are my biggest professional legacy. I'd like to think that the people I've crossed paths with have learned something from me, and I know I learned a great deal from them, for which I am very grateful. Certainly, I've dedicated a lot of my teaching to helping young folks realize how they need to be able to work with other people--especially other people who are very different from themselves." Randy Pausch died July 25, 2008, but his legacy, this book, and his inspirational words continue to motivate me every day.

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