Career Planning
(Part 2)

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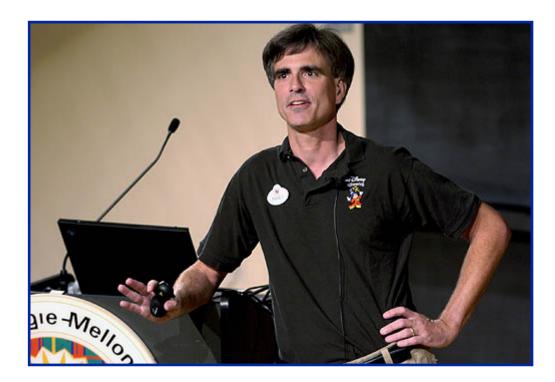*http://www.wi.pb.edu.pl/~druzdzel/*

Overview

- **Career planning**
- **Concluding remarks**

Guest lecture: Dr. Randy Pausch

"Achieving Your Childhood Dreams"

A truly (almost) last lecture at Carnegie Mellon University

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Randy Pausch's talk ...

- **Dream and don't be afraid to live your dream**

- **Make sure that your children have a good childhood**

- **Brick walls are to test how badly you want something**

- **Scientists work a lot**

  "if you want me to tell you how to succeed, see me in my office at 9pm on Friday night"

- **You need something to motivate you**

- **Having a mentor is a good idea**

- **You need to learn how to deal with administrators**

- **Do first, ask permission later**

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Randy Pausch's talk ...

- **Be generous with people, as you are never alone**

- **Make sure that your children (and your family) are happy – this is one of the best things that you can give them.**

- **Acknowledge others**

- **Don't be an asshole**

- **If you give people enough time and they will show you their best side**

- **Don't be afraid of failing; otherwise you will never want to do anything**

- **Being a professor is like having a cake and eating it**

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Randy Pausch's talk ...

- **Learn to appreciate criticism**

  "When you're screwing up and nobody's saying anything to you anymore, that means they've given up on you."

- **There are things that are more important than career**

  "My wife and children mean everything to me. They give a purpose to life and a depth of joy that no job (and I've had some of the most awesome jobs in the world) can begin to provide."

Concluding remarks

- **Planning is very important and effective**

- **You need to find time for it (what about every evening, every Sunday night, every 1st of the month, every 1st of the year?)**

- **Be careful who you are listening to!**

- **Role models make things easier – being first is not easy.**