



## The Last Lecture Series

### **Mission:**

The aim of the lecture series is to broaden the educational experiences of the Cal Poly Pomona community by inspiring and encouraging thought-provoking lecture and discussion on various subjects.

### **Vision:**

The vision of the Last Lecture Series is to provide to students, faculty and the CPP community a showcase of speakers on issues of current, global significance. In so doing, it will educate the audience on matters of social interest and develop the global awareness of the University Community while providing an environment for student development.

### **Inspiration**

Our series was inspired by a talk Professor Randy Pausch delivered at Carnegie Mellon University entitled "Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams." In this talk Pausch discussed, after being diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer, everything he wanted his children to know after he was gone. It included stories of his childhood, lessons he wanted his children to learn, and things he wanted them to know. He repeatedly stressed that one should have fun in everything one does, and that one should live life to its fullest. Which he remodeled at the end of his life.

In honor of Randy Pausch a CPP Last Lecture Series is being created to continue his legacy. This is will be an ongoing series of lectures where

academics are asked to think deeply about what matters to them, and then give a hypothetical "final talk", i.e., "what wisdom would they impart to the world if they knew it was their last opportunity?" This is a very exciting opportunity for students to learn more about their instructors' and administrator's interests and thoughts that they care deeply about.

### **Speaker Selection**

The Last Lecture Series is a student initiative that seeks to engage the student body in selecting the speakers for the Last Lecture Series. The ASI Education Enhancement Board (E.E.B) will reach out to specific college departments each quarter, seeking to select a faculty or staff that best represents that department. Students from the department will receive an email from either the department chair or appropriate administrator in which they will be asked to take a survey in selecting a faculty or staff member that they would like to see on the Last Lecture stage.