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What's Driving You So Hard? Thinking About Honor

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There is a not small chance that, as an MIT student, your life has involved chasing one honor, one prestigious internship, one A after another. Why? What is it about honors, awards, recognized “success” that inspires such hard work and such hopes for happiness? And how does this concern to distinguish yourself fit with other things you care about very much, including equality, love, learning, and making the world a better place? This talk offers food for thought about these vital questions, along with the chance to discuss them.

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