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Describe your personal goals, challenges or commitments and how you will draw on what you've learned about Michael Rothberg's legacy to inspire your own.

My personal goals are very closely aligned with my career goals. Throughout my high school years, I have become fascinated with environmental issues such as climate change and endangered species. My dream to start a business is not solely about profit; it is the desire to use the capitalist economy to enact positive change on both the social and environmental sectors. While I do not know what the future holds, I research climate change constantly with hopes that increased understanding will allow me to discover a niche in the market that can change the world.

Similar to Mr. Rothberg, I donate my time to a local program for children with mental and physical disabilities. For the past six years, I have coached at a weekly soccer clinic called TOPSoccer Magic, helping children with disabilities learn social and communication skills through playing soccer. In addition, from this program, I have helped coach a Special Olympics team through. Although Mr. Rothberg's financial support was indeed greatly appreciated by all organizations, I truly believe that time is the greatest form of charity one can give. His actions not donations are what set him apart from other philanthropists. While reading his description, I am inspired by his motivation to find time away from his incredibly busy and difficult work life to make a difference in his community. As I continue my studies and start my career, this will always remind me to carve out time to devote to charity. Ultimately, I hope that my legacy combines both my entrepreneurial goals and charitable acts to ensure that people remember me not for what I did for myself, how much success I had or money I made, but what I did for others.