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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.**

I still remember my first recess at Heights Elementary School. Before the staff let us roam around for the next half hour, we sat on the pavement top and listened to the dedication of Michael's Web. Although I can't remember the exact words said by Mrs. Rothberg, I can still recall the grief that I felt during her dedication to Michael. Spending time on Michael's Web became my favorite recess activity during my five years at Heights. I loved spending most days sitting on a top corner of the web, while looking across the Wards Berry Farm fields and reflecting on whatever was in my head at the time.

As I've grown up, one phrase that I've strived to achieve is "non sibi," which is Latin for "not for one's self." With his time spent at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Mutual Funds Against Cancer, and Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, Michael undoubtedly captured the spirit of that phrase. The time and personal funds he put towards causes he cared about highlight who the special person that he was. For this reason, I know that I will keep Michael in my mind as I wrap up high school and enter the "real world."

I am so excited to pursue a degree in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics at the University of Michigan for the next four years, and I intend to use my experience and knowledge in the public service field. It would be an honor to spend my life working to give back to the institutions and services that I have depended on while growing up, knowing that I am doing my part in contributing to the next generation of our world. Michael's life may have been cut short, but I know his vision will play a part throughout my life and for countless people throughout Sharon.