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This fall I will embark on the next step of my educational career at New York University. As an aspiring neurosurgeon, New York City equips me with some of the best hospitals, medical schools, labs, and medical professionals that the world has to offer. After obtaining my bachelor's degree in Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology, I hope to attend medical school at the NYU School of Medicine. From there, I plan on moving back to Massachusetts and completing my seven year neurosurgery residency and beginning full practice.

A challenge that I have and will continue to face is being a black man. Inevitably, I have felt victim to racism in both my academic and real-world environments. Because I grew up in the city and moved to Sharon in the fifth grade, I have struggled to find my place in the community as I do not necessarily belong anywhere. Moreover, I have struggled with the absence of my biological father who left me and my family when I was just two years old. Since then my mother and step father have done an exceptional job at raising me, and for that I am truly grateful.

From what I read about Mr. Michael Rothberg, he was a charismatic individual who devoted his life to giving back, and directed his focus towards the greater good of the community. As a striving medical professional, I look to better the lives of patients who have been referred to me. Additionally, as a black man, success is not all that common. Because of this, I plan to dedicate my life to inspiring young black students. Lastly, I plan on using my acquired medical knowledge and research accessibility to look toward prevention and potential cures to mental disabilities.