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There is a great disparity between what one wishes to have written on their resume and their eulogy, and yet we often forget to exhibit the qualities we wish to have attributed to ourselves in a eulogy. I want to succeed and have an impact on society, and so, I have spent countless nights buried in a textbook reviewing for the following days exam; however, intelligence is merely one measurement of success.

I am also co-chair of a group called the "Project team", which is a subdivision of Youth LEAD, an organization that encourages teens to take action on local issues. The past two years, the team has focused on combating homelessness in Boston. We have created and distributed fifty care packages including items such as hats, socks, gloves, undergarments, toiletries, food, and water, directly to the homeless. With each smile of a man or women eagerly accepting the bag, I am reminded of how fortunate I am, financially secure and supported by caring family members.

Michael never forgot to appreciate what he had. He loved his family and shared his wealth, both financially and by the giving of his time. He spread goodness wherever he could, and as a result, initiated a ripple effect. Michael may have been lost much too soon, but I hope to continue his legacy. His story inspires me to continue working towards my professional goal of being an engineer, where I plan to pursue my love for designing and innovating in the hopes of devising a product that will ease the lives of many, while concentrating on bettering myself and enriching the the lives of those around me.