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One of the most important lessons I have learned is that time is a precious resource, and once gone, it cannot be recovered. For most of my life, baseball has been my focus. It began as a special connection with my dad. He lost his best friend, and baseball was the foundation of their relationship. He passed this love of baseball down to me and by middle school, I was playing on four different teams.

In the fall of junior year, I was exploring the college recruitment process. Between school, team workouts, and showcases, every second was scheduled. One day, while working on an engineering project, it hit me; there is more to life than playing baseball. I made the difficult decision to not play college ball.

Michael's legacy both professionally and personally has inspired me to find my true potential in life. For the past few years, I have volunteered with the Challengers Baseball Program, coaching special needs children. Recently, I got a job and have been pondering my future career. I have realized that I am interested in business management, due to the many years learning how to get the best performance out of my team. By the sound of it, Michael was someone who excelled in every facet of his life. He used his time to make a difference in so many lives and his legacy has taught me to try to do the same.

Ultimately, we have no idea how much time we have left. My dad's friend thought he had many wonderful years ahead, but like Michael, his life was cut terribly short. In order to make my life what I want it to be, I need to concentrate my energy on the future. Time is a limited resource, and we all must make every moment count.