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After reading about Michael Rothberg's life and accomplishments, I reflected on his qualities and the values he embodied that I also hope to live out on a daily basis. As a future mechanical engineer, math and science are passions for me, like Mr. Rothberg, and I hope to follow in his footsteps by using my gifts and interests to help others and have a greater impact on my community. I hope to go abroad during and after my time in college to Spanish-speaking countries with organizations such as Engineers Without Borders, and use my communication skills combined with technical knowledge to help others.

Mr. Rothberg was a dedicated philanthropist, and donated time and money to multiple cancer foundations. In high school, I went on a mission trip to Chile, did community service with National Honor Society and the Salvation Army, assistant directed the Cottage Street musical, and was a Spanish teacher's assistant in Sharon elementary schools. Service has been a large portion of my high school experience and I intend to continue giving back for the rest of my life.

Whether it be through his compassion, his intelligence, or his service, Mr. Rothberg's values have touched the lives of countless people and make his incredible legacy what it is today. I hope that my experiences in high school will be a catalyst for my future life of service, and that I will take what I have learned from Mr. Rothberg and from the Sharon community with me everywhere I go.