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Work Experience

Proactive Sports Performance - Photographer | Westlake Village, CA

February 2024 - Present

- Increased impressions on Instagram by over 40%, images used/reposted by Colts, NBA, and ESPN
- Provided services weekly during multiple league offseasons (March-August)

Alan Ko Photography - Owner | Camarillo, CA

November 2022 - Present

- Created a photography company in 2022 to address the lack of affordable photography in the Conejo Valley
- Served 200+ clients, including professional athletes; managed invoicing and client relations.

Thousand Oaks Acorn - Photojournalist | Agoura, CA

October 2024 - Present

- Youngest journalist on the Acorn Staff, working under the high school athletics beat
- Tasked with obtaining various interviews and photos on breaking, community, and live events

Lancer Legend Yearbook - Editor-in-Chief | Thousand Oaks, CA

August 2021 - Present

- Second-year EIC; led a 15% sales increase through targeted marketing, a six-figure publication.
- Managed 336 pages with a team of 22; advanced editorial roles since freshman year (People, Photo, Editor-in-Chief)

The Lancer - Digital Editor | Thousand Oaks, CA

August 2024 - Present

- Spearheaded the rehaul of the online presence and increased website traffic by over 40%.
- Rebranded newspaper to *Lancer Media Group*, redesigned website, leading to Best of SNO Online Award

Education

Thousand Oaks High School | High School Diploma

September 2021 - Expected June 2025

- GPA: 4.3 W/3.7 UW
- Football (Lettered), Track, Lancer Legend Yearbook Editor-in-Chief, Center for Advanced Studies Researcher, Senior Class Vice President, Lancer Newspaper Digital Editor, Intramural Sports Club President, Athletics Media Producer, Majors CTE Vice President, Friday Announcements Host, Athletics Club Vice President, Moorpark College Dual Enrollment (4.0 GPA, 43 units, Business AA-T, Phi Theta Kappa)

Awards & Honors

Honorable Mention Portfolio | Journalism Educators Association

November 2024

- Compiled a portfolio of eight images taken throughout my high school career. Received an honorable mention with special distinctions from judges of two photos. Competed with over 1,400 students at the 2024 National Journalism Convention in Philadelphia.

Champion of Character | California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section

September 2024

- The first-ever student media recipient in award history and the first student in the school district to receive the award. It is awarded to those who show the CIF-SS six pillars of character (Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Citizenship).

Excellent Feature Photography | Journalism Educators Association

October 2023

- Assembled a set of three sports feature images taken throughout 2023 and competed with over 1,400 students at the 2023 National Journalism Convention in Boston. Images were featured in *Communication: Journalism Education Today*, JEA's quarterly magazine.

Programs

California Scholastic Press Association Workshop | Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

July 2024

- Selected as one of 21 students across the United States to participate in a 12-day journalism development workshop taught by numerous journalism industry professionals (NYT, LAT, WSJ).

Camp Cronkite | Arizona State University

June 2024

- One of 60 rising seniors and juniors (10% admission rate) across the country was selected in a four-day highly competitive multimedia journalism camp taught by ASU professors and journalism professionals.