

# Alan Ko

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## EDUCATION

**California Polytechnic State University**, San Luis Obispo, CA

June 2029

Intended Majors: Bachelor of Science in Journalism

**Thousand Oaks High School**, Thousand Oaks, CA

June 2025

GPA: 4.26 | SAT: M: 700 R/W: 720

Honors and Awards: CIF-SS Champion for Character, Society of Professional Journalists Los Angeles Scholarship, College Board

National First Generation Recognition and AP Capstone Diploma, JEA Excellent in Photography, Varsity Letter (Football, Basketball)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Alan Ko Photography**, *Owner/Freelance Photographer*, Camarillo, CA

September 2023 - Present

- Launched a freelance business specializing in sports photography, with clientele that includes the Seattle Seahawks, USC Athletics, Amon Ra St-Brown, and Cooper Kupp
- Delivered high-volume image sets with fast turnaround and consistent visual quality for clients
- Managed all business operations, including client relations, editing workflow, and marketing

**Proactive Sports Performance**, *In-house Creative*, Westlake Village, CA

March 2024 - July 2025

- Captured and edited media content during off-season training sessions for elite athletes, including Aaron Rodgers, Kevin Durant, Cooper Flagg, and the Indianapolis Colts.
- Coordinated closely with trainers and staff to ensure brand-aligned visuals during off-season workouts
- Produced digital assets for NFL and collegiate athletes used in personal promotion and commercial partnerships

**The Acorn Newspapers**, *Multimedia Journalist*, Agoura, CA

October 2024 - July 2025

- Reported and photographed local high school sports and events for weekly print and digital publication
- Balanced deadlines and multiple assignments while maintaining accuracy and reader clarity

## LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT

**Mustang News**, *News Reporter*, California Polytechnic State University

July 2025 - Present

- Report on campus news, student issues, and local events with a focus on timeliness and accuracy
- Collaborate with editors and multimedia staff to produce print, digital, and social media content

**Cal Poly Athletics**, *Photographer*, California Polytechnic State University

August 2025 - Present

- Photograph NCAA Division I athletic events, capturing game action, behind-the-scenes moments, and promotional content
- Work with athletic communications staff to deliver high-quality images for media use, team branding, and social coverage

**Lancer Legend Yearbook**, *Editor-in-Chief*, Thousand Oaks High School

September 2021 - July 2025

- Led a 26-member staff to produce a six-figure 336-page publication distributed to over 1,800 students
- Managed story assignments, visual layout, and production schedules while overseeing all writing, photography, and design

**Associated Student Body**, *Class Vice President*, Thousand Oaks High School

September 2024 - July 2025

- Acted as a liaison between students and administration to voice senior class concerns
- Led fundraising efforts that raised \$1,500 in two months to support senior events and initiatives

**Intramural Sports Club**, *President*, Thousand Oaks High School

January 2023 - July 2025

- Founded the school's largest student-run club with 280+ members, raising over \$3,500 to support operations and programming

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

**Ventura County Animal Shelter**, *Photographer*, Camarillo, CA

May 2022 - July 2025

- Volunteered as a shelter photographer, capturing engaging portraits of dogs and cats to boost adoption rates
- Conducted research on the impact of shelter photography on adoption decisions, applying findings to improve adoption rates

**Manna Conejo Valley Food Bank**, *Food Pantry Volunteer*, Thousand Oaks, CA

July 2023 - July 2025

- Assisted with sorting, packing, and distributing food to families in need
- Supported inventory tracking and restocking to ensure consistent service to the local community

## SKILLS AND INTERESTS

**Technical:** HTML, CSS, Adobe Creative Cloud (Photoshop, Lightroom, Premiere), WordPress, Google Suite, Social Media

**Languages:** Conversational Chinese (Mandarin)

**Interests:** Visual Storytelling, Investigative Journalism, Sports Media, Community Impact, Business