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EDUCATION

Monte Vista High School: San Ramon, CA Class of 2027

- GPA: 3.4 (unweighted)/3.62 (weighted)
- ACT: 33

RESEARCH

Independent Research: Gender Bias in Media Coverage of Professional Tennis Mar - Jun 2026

Independent researcher

- Conducted qualitative secondary research and case study analysis on gender representation in professional tennis media, examining historical and contemporary coverage of prominent athletes.
- Identified three recurring forms of gender bias, unequal media attention, gendered language and emotional standards, and the hypersexualization of female athletes, and analyzed how these narratives shape perceptions of women in sports.
- Proposed recommendations for more equitable sports coverage, including regular coverage reviews, performance-focused editorial standards, and more responsible image and interview choices.
- Authored a 3,000-word research paper, published in *The Curieux Review*, a peer-reviewed academic journal.

Photojournalism Project: Women of the Blang Ethnic Group, Yunnan, China Jul 2026

Student Photojournalist & Field Researcher

- Conducted field research in Blang villages on Jingmai Mountain, documenting women's roles in tea-making, textile work, food preparation, foraging, and other cultural traditions through photography and interviews.
- Examined often-overlooked contributions of Blang women to preserving traditional knowledge and cultural heritage.
- Curated and presented "Hands Pass the Touch," a photography exhibition highlighting women's hands as symbols of labor, cultural transmission, and the continuity of Blang traditions across generations, attracting 100+ attendees.

Oral History Project: Chinese Immigrant Women Across Generations Jul - Aug 2026

Independent Researcher & Interviewer

- Researched historical accounts of Chinese immigrant women through Judy Yung's *Unbound Voices*, examining how immigration policies, marriage, and family structures shaped women's independence and identity.
- Conducted field interviews with 6 female business owners and workers in San Francisco Chinatown, documenting their immigration journeys, family responsibilities, entrepreneurship, and community involvement.
- Authored "Across a Century: The Resilience of Chinese Immigrant Women", comparing historical and contemporary experiences of Chinese immigrant women, exaiming how their identities and opportunities have evolved; published by *Chinese American Archive*, a platform dedicated to celebrating Chinese American history and culture.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

Gender Equity in Sports Media Campaign Jun 2026 - Present

Founder

• Transformed research findings from "Gender Bias in Media Coverage of Professional Tennis" into a webpage and publised on my personal website to further raise awareness; designed an educational pamphlet based on the paper and distributed in local libraries and community centers, reaching ~200 viewers.

• Raised and donated over $1,200 to the Women's Sports Foundation through a photography auction and fundraising campaign to support opportunities for women and girls in sports.

• Designed workshops for 40 school photography club members to explore how composition, framing, and perspective influence the representation of athletes in sports photography.

• Promote the initiative through social media platforms to engage more photographers and journalists in discussions on gender equity in sports.

BetweenTheLines, a Nationwide Student-Led Organization Advocating for Asian American Athlete

Apr 2026 - Present

Co-Director of Social Media Team

• Manage BTL's official Instagram account, lead a team of 8 members, assign tasks, and oversee weekly posts, Reels, and other social media content.

• Led the development of social media campaigns highlighting Asian American athletes achievements, self-care tips for student athletes, experiences with discriminations in sports, and a Hall of Fame series celebrating iconic Asian athletic figures.

• Collaborate with other teams closely to support their operations, including posting to call for submissions, covering community workshops, and promoting sports camps organized by local chapters.

MVHS Photography Club Aug 2025 - Present

Co-Founder; Secretary

- Co-founded MVHS Photography Club to create a platform for students to practice photography skills, explore their passions, and exchange experiences.
- Recruited 40 members and organized weekly meetings featuring lessons on composition, lighting, editing, and visual storytelling; facilitated photo critiques, workshops, and internal competitions.
- Connected members with photography exhibitions, art shows, and competition opportunities; established relationships with local photography organizations to obtain professional guidance and resources.

MVHS Marching Band Aug 2023 - Present

Snare Drummer; Vice Drumline Leader (G11-12)

- Performed as a four-year member of the marching band, progressing from marimba to bass drum and ultimately earning a position in the snare drum section; rehearsed 10 hours per week.
- Served as Vice Drumline Leader, assisting with rehearsal organization, communication between directors and students, and section leadership.
- Represented MVHS at NorCal showcases and contributed to multiple Division 3A championships.

JV Tennis Team Aug 2023 - Present

Player; Team Photographer (G10-12); Captain (G11-12)

- Played tennis since 3rd grade and joined the school JV team in freshman year, training 10 hours per week.
- Volunteered as team photographer, documenting matches and practices to increase its visibility through school newspaper and media.
- Elected as team captain in junior year by teammates.
- Helped organize practices, set up courts, order uniforms, lead warmups, and mentor new players to foster a supportive and inclusive team environment.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Marching Band Outreach Program Jan 2025 - Present

Founder, Volunteer Instructor

- Provide weekly drum lessons to over 20 middle school students and high school freshmen, offering personalized instructions on rhythm, technique, and ensemble performance.
- Mentor and support younger musicians as they transition into new school environments, helping them build confidence, friendships, and a sense of belonging through music.
- Extended the program to an international school in China during the summer after 11th grade, providing percussion instruction to ~15 student musicians and sharing experiences of learning abroad.

Senior Home Service Program Mar 2025 - Present

Volunteer

- Play drum in a band and perform monthly for elderly residents at local senior homes.
- Organized 4 technology assistance workshops: troubleshooted cellphone and computer issues; taught seniors to use social media platforms; introduced AI tools; and raised awareness of online scams.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Tennis Coach Sep 2026 - Present

- Promoted tennis lessons on a local social media platform and recruited two students.
- Coach two students in first and second grade in weekly two-hour sessions, teaching foundational strokes, footwork, and coordination.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

The School of The New York Times: Photojournalism as Art Jul 2025

- Studied photojournalistic storytelling, composition, and visual narrative techniques through workshops, critiques, and field assignments led by professional photojournalists.
- Explored diverse forms of photography, including portraiture, street photography, and documentary photography; developed proficiency in photo-editing software including Adobe Lightroom Classic, and video production techniques.
- Deepened understanding of the role of photography in journalism through site visits including Coney Island and International Center of Photography and discussions with industry professionals.
- Created a photo essay documenting Chinese immigrant communities in Manhattan, and curated a portfolio of images and stories; selected as a nominee for the 2025 NYT Photojournalism Challenge.

USC Pre-College Programs: Introduction to Business Jul 2024

- Gained knowledge in accounting fundamentals, corporate structure, and risk management through case studies, group discussions, and guest speaker sessions.
- Completed a final team presentation analyzing Viking Voyage as a business strategy case.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Contra Costa County Photography Showcases | *Age 14-18 Level | 3 Gold Awards, 2 Silver Awards* 2026
Sir Isaac Newton Physics Exam, Certificate of Distinction, 1st in Monte Vista High School 2026
Marching Band Division 3A Championship, Lincoln Showcase (1st place among 20 competing bands) 2026
Marching Band Division 3A High Music, Lincoln showcase 2026
Marching Band Division 3A Championship, Napa Showcase (1st place among 20 competing bands) 2026
Marching Band Division 3A High Percussion, Napa Showcase 2026
President Award Volunteer (100 hours) 2023

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Digital Media: Adobe Premiere Pro, Photoshop, Lightroom, Illustrator, InDesign, After Effects, Final Cut Pro, Canva
Language: English (Fluent), Mandarin Chinese (Native), Japanese (Fluent)
Coursera certificate on the course of *Philosophy of Science*