

# Adam H. Kan

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## EXPERIENCE

### **Pathak Research Group, Carnegie Mellon – Computer Vision Research Intern**

February 2025 - Present

- Building robot policies that incorporate computer vision and large language models to complete dextrous manipulation tasks autonomously with minimal demonstrations
- Developing commercially viable training techniques for behavior cloning models in the most diverse and unstructured environments

### **Interactive Perception and Robot Learning Lab, Stanford (Bohg Lab) – Full-Time Computer Vision Research Intern**

June 2023 - August 2023

- Led my own formal computer vision research project for application in household robots
- Developed novel machine learning model utilizing an object detection and CNN pipeline to complete the task of unfolding cloths
- Achieved an 80% success rate improvement on the leading alternative method (developed by researchers at Columbia University)

### **Interactive Perception and Robot Learning Lab, Stanford (Bohg Lab) – Part-Time Computer Vision Research Intern**

September 2022 - March 2023

- Coauthored [TidyBot](#) research paper (Cited by 300+), presented at the International Conference on Robotics and Automation in June 2023
- Developed modifications to ViLD object detection model with Wordnet and other semantic hierarchies to establish baseline performance for classification of previously unseen objects
- Researched and tested existing object detection models to find the models with the highest accuracy for detecting household objects

### **Peninsula Bridge, San Mateo, CA — Math Teacher's Assistant**

June 2022 - December 2022

- Independently planned and taught an introductory programming course to a class of 5th grade students
- Mentored underserved 4th-6th grade students in classroom and one-on-one environments

### **HERO Tent, CA — Policy Intern**

January 2022 - March 2022

- Identified improvement areas for the California Child Protective Services program and provided community-oriented alternatives
- Wrote, edited, and submitted a policy brief that was accepted by the Oakland Reimagining Public Safety Commission

## EDUCATION

### **Carnegie Mellon University School of Computer Science, B.S. in Computer Science Class of 2028**

GPA: 4.0

Relevant Coursework:  
Principles of Imperative  
Computation, Mathematical  
Foundations for Computer Science

#### LEADERSHIP:

- Director of Events, Alexander Hamilton Society
- Teacher, TechNights

### **The Nueva School, San Mateo, CA – Class of 2024**

Relevant Coursework: Computer  
Vision, Software Engineering,  
Advanced Machine Learning,  
Computer Internals, Linear Algebra

#### LEADERSHIP:

- Outreach Director, Varsity Parliamentary Debate Team
- Co-Founder and Co-Captain, Sailing Team

## AWARDS

- **Parliamentary Debate National Champion**, won the Tournament of Champions for the 2022-23 school year
- **USACO (USA Coding Olympiad) Silver**, USACO competitor from 2020-2022

## SOFTWARE FLUENCY

- Java
- Python
  - PyTorch
- JavaScript
  - React
- C++
- C