

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024



ADAM NAKAI

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SANTA TERESA HIGH SCHOOL, SAN JOSE, CA

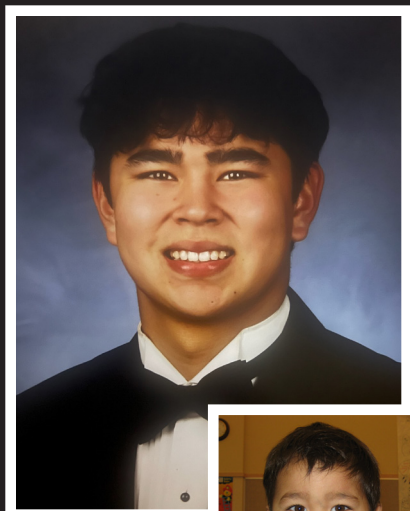


I would like to say thank you to my family, the other families and parents, and coaches for making this experience so fun. My favorite memory as a ninja was when we all decided to spend a night in a hotel room. We barely slept that night and we all had a fun time messing with each other. For me, being a Ninja is about creating long lasting friendships, working together, and overall having a fun time.

DOMINIC PANELLA

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LEIGH HIGH SCHOOL, SAN JOSE, CA



I would like to start by thanking my teammates, Ninja families, and Ninja coaches for creating an everlasting and memorable experience both on and off the basketball court! Although I was not on the team for a long period of time, the Ninjas welcomed me with open arms and have taught me so much about what it means to be a good teammate, great friend, and a part of a loving Asian community.

One of my favorite memories was at a VFW tournament when the team "Iced" Coach Dave. It was from that moment that I learned Coach Dave expected us to work hard but play hard too. Coach Dave will always remain in our hearts as one of our most influential coaches who believed in each and every one of us. Thank you Coach Justin for carrying on his legacy of being a great coach and friend. #dmatzstrong! Thank you to the Ninja Organization and Coach Wade for giving me the opportunity to create wonderful memories and lifelong friendships through playing basketball.

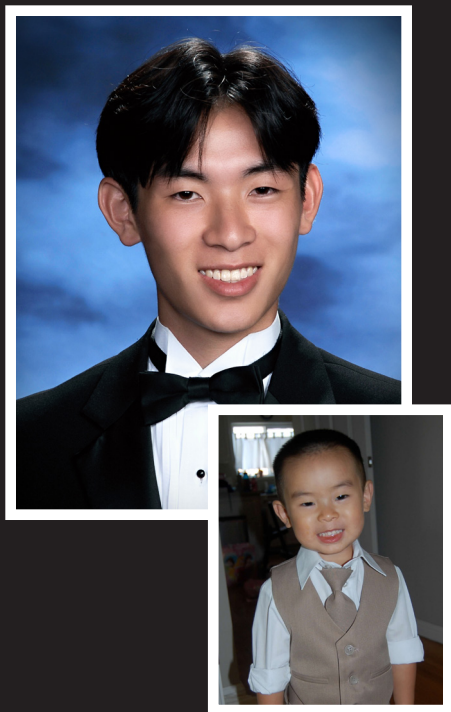
JAKE NAKAMURA

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MONTA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL, CUPERTINO, CA

First a huge thank you to all parents, teammates and fans that helped make my Ninja experience fun and memorable. Speaking of memories, my favorite memory when I think of Ninjas is all the travel tournaments, staying in hotels and going out to eat and hang out on Saturday nights.

What did Ninjas mean to me? Whether it be the boys I've known since Lotus Preschool and CYS to the boys I've just met in my high school career, my ninja teammates will forever be my teammates. The bonds, friendships and connections I've made throughout my ninja career in the Asian community I'm positive will stick with me for the rest of my life. Looking back, all the memories I made with the Ninjas will be things that I cherish for as long as I breathe.



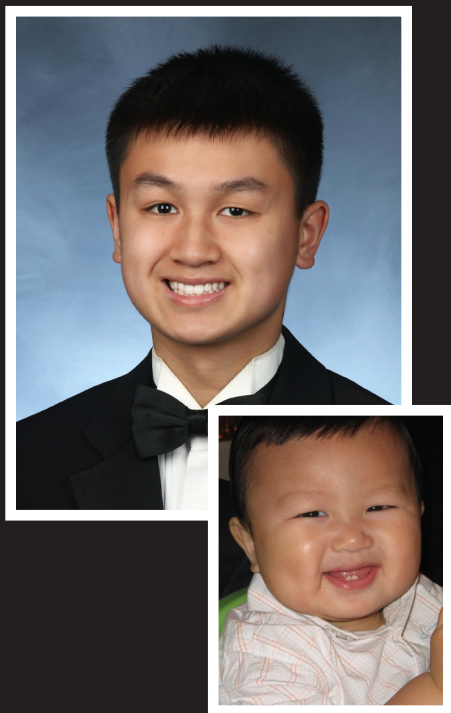
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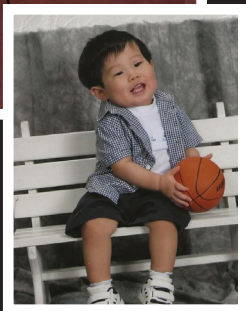
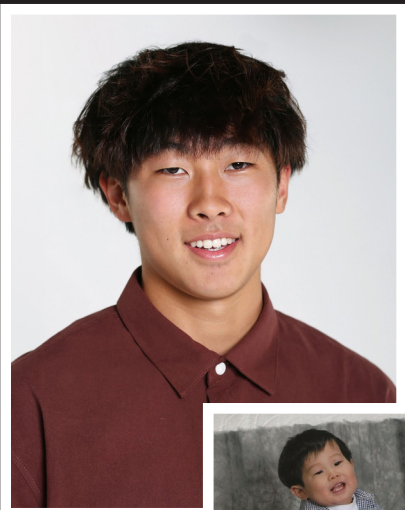
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PIEDMONT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL, SAN JOSE, CA

I would like to thank my mom and sister for sacrificing all their time to make sure that I had an amazing time as a Ninja. I would also like to thank my teammates, coaches and the parents for making my Ninja experience all I could ever ask for. There have been many great memories as a ninja that I will remember for the rest of my life, but my favorite memory is when we went to Hawaii. Although not all of our teammates were able to go, it was still fun with the people who went.

Being a Ninja means a lot as you are meeting new people who will later become a second family and learning that it's not only about basketball, but also that it's important to give back to the community. Overall it's about building relationships and creating memories that you will always remember.





KAZU KIMURA

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BRANHAM HIGH SCHOOL, SAN JOSE, CA

Favorite memory = Going to Hawaii for the senior tournament. My favorite part was going to the beach, cliff jumping, swimming in the ocean and eating out with the team everyday.

Thank you - I would like to thank the Ninjas Organization for providing me with a 2nd family and being supportive throughout my basketball journey. Ninja basketball has provided me with lifelong friendships and qualities that I will uphold throughout my entire life.

To me Ninja basketball means family, hard-work, teamwork, friendship, respect, and fun.

MATTHEW LAU

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MONTA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL, CUPERTINO, CA



First and foremost, I would like to give a big thanks to my parents for introducing me to a new brotherhood. The Ninjas organization has taught me to value the relationships I've made on and off the court. Additionally, I would like to show appreciation towards my coaches as they've made sacrifices in order for me to develop mentally and physically. Without them, I wouldn't achieve my goals and be where I am at currently. The Ninja family will forever serve a prominent impact in my life, resembling an organization where opportunities to make friends and compete are just a few of many positive things they provide. Finally, my favorite moment as a Ninjas was definitely the socials we hosted. I've never seen a team show so much dedication towards their kids and really ensure we have the best time as kids. From the party scene to meeting new people, I enjoyed every aspect of Ninja socials and is something I definitely will reminisce.

NOAH CUSTODIO

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BELLARMINE COLLEGE PREPARATORY, SAN JOSE, CA

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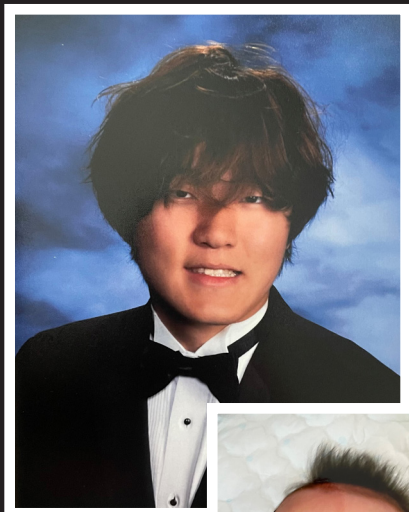
I want to first thank my parents and my brother for always showing me support during my time as a Ninja. I also want to thank my coaches and friends for making my ninjas experience one to remember. I have learned that being a Ninja is bigger than basketball. I have made many new friends and lifelong friends. The people on my team became a new family. I also found that It is also a way to represent my culture through playing the sport that I love. My favorite Ninja memory is going to Hawaii for a tournament. Being able to spend time with my teammates knowing that our time as Ninjas was almost up was very sad but also fun. All in all, I want to thank everyone that made Ninjas possible.

NOHEA APALLA

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SILVER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL, SAN JOSE, CA

Despite only being a Ninja for a short year now, i will forever consider the ninja organization my family. And I wanna thank everyone for welcoming me and treating me like family from day 1. My favorite memory is that one time Matt hit Tyler's car at practice. Being a Ninja to me is like being part of the family. Everyone helps everyone, we have created relationships beyond just teammates.

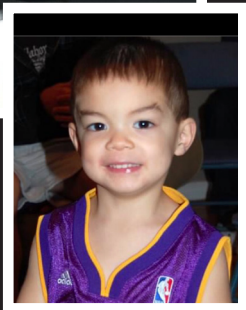


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MONTA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL, CUPERTINO, CA

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to my amazing parents and the incredible ninja coaches who have been so important in shaping not just my skills, but also my character. Their massive support and guidance have been the bedrock of my journey, and for that, I am eternally grateful. Reflecting on our journey as a team, one memory stands out: our trip to Los Angeles. It was a sunny afternoon, and we ate some Chicken Katsu by the pool. The laughter, the shared stories, and the simple pleasure of good food in great company created a memory I'll treasure forever. That special moment by the pool wasn't just about the food or the place; it was a testament to the bonds we've forged as a team. It was a reminder that being a ninja isn't just about individual prowess, but about coming together as a cohesive unit, each member playing their part to achieve something greater than ourselves. It's about supporting each other through thick and thin, celebrating victories together, and lifting each other in times of adversity. Being a Ninja shows the essence of teamwork, resilience, and determination. It's about pushing boundaries, overcoming challenges, and striving for excellence, not just on the court but in every aspect of life.



TYLER SUZUKI

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LEIGH HIGH SCHOOL, SAN JOSE, CA

My favorite memory of being a Ninja has been growing up with everyone and remaining like a family with one another

