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KICK OFF TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK WITH THE 'JEOPARDY!' TEACHERS TOURNAMENT AIRING MAY 6-17

Two-Week Event Featuring 15 Elite Educators Presented by Amazon Alexa

CULVER CITY, CALIF. (April 29, 2019) – Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week, and [JEOPARDY!](#) will show its support for the nation's educators when the Teachers Tournament presented by Amazon Alexa starts Monday, May 6. The two-week event features 15 educators competing for the \$100,000 grand prize and a spot in the next Tournament of Champions.

"Teachers are the only profession for whom we've created a special tournament, which I hope shows how much everyone at **JEOPARDY!** values their work," said **JEOPARDY!** host Alex Trebek. "This group of contestants will certainly make their students and their communities proud."

This year's edition of the Teachers Tournament is presented by Amazon Alexa, and Alexa will be on-hand to assist Alex Trebek throughout the tournament. Additionally, each of the Teachers Tournament contestants will receive an Echo device. The [JEOPARDY! Skill for Alexa](#) allows users to play **JEOPARDY!** on any Alexa-enabled device with a single voice command: "Alexa, play **JEOPARDY!**." The Skill continues to grow in popularity since its launch in 2016.

Here are the 2019 **JEOPARDY!** Teachers Tournament contestants:

- Francois Barcomb, a high school physics teacher from New Paltz, N.Y.
- Tara Baxter, a high school English teacher from Tucson, Ariz.
- Alexandra Bicks, a high school E.S.L. teacher from Cambridge, Mass.
- Matthew Bunch, a middle school civics and world history teacher from Miami, Fla.
- Trevor Crowell, a high school Spanish teacher from Mountain View, Calif.
- Sara DelVillano, a middle school instrumental music teacher from Lanham, Md.
- Vicki Leibeck-Owsley, a high school English teacher from Columbia, Ky.
- Mariah Minges Klusman, a high school English language arts teacher from Wyncote, Pa.
- Melissa Okey, an elementary school resource teacher from Panorama City, Calif.
- Conor Quinn, a high school world history teacher from Albany, N.Y.
- Joe Rengstorf, a middle school special education teacher from Poulsbo, Wash.
- Julia Rosinski Bailey, a high school chemistry teacher from Austin, Texas
- Dave Rowswell, a high school art teacher from Cheyenne, Wyo.
- Benjamin Schwartz, a middle school English teacher from Stamford, Conn.
- Ellie Walsh, a high school world history and U.S. government teacher from Nashville, Tenn.

To learn more about the Teachers Tournament, please visit Jeopardy.com.

JEOPARDY!'s 35th anniversary season premiered September 10, 2018. With a weekly audience of 23 million viewers, **JEOPARDY!** is the top-rated quiz show on television, and has received numerous awards and honors, including the 2017 Emmy for Outstanding Game Show. The show holds the Guinness World Records® title for the most Emmy® Awards won by a TV game show (34 Emmys); it is also the recipient of a 2011 Peabody Award. **JEOPARDY!** is produced by Sony Pictures Television, a Sony Pictures Entertainment Company; it is distributed domestically by CBS Television Distribution and internationally by CBS Television International, both units of CBS Corp. For more information, please visit Jeopardy.com.

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