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## AVI GUPTA WINS 'JEOPARDY!' TEEN TOURNAMENT

Portland, Ore., High School Senior Claims \$100,000 Grand Prize

Eighth-Grader Ryan Presler (Sioux Falls, S.D.) Finishes Second; Junior Lucas Miner (Miami, Fla.) Places Third

CULVER CITY, CALIF. (June 28, 2019) – In an episode that aired today, Avi Gupta, a high-school senior from Portland, Ore., won the **JEOPARDY!** Teen Tournament and claimed the \$100,000 grand prize. Ryan Presler, an eighth grader from Sioux Falls, S.D., came in second and earned \$50,000 while Lucas Miner, a junior from Miami, Fla., placed third and took home \$25,000.

"It still feels unreal, and I honestly can't express how grateful and fortunate I feel to have had this opportunity," said Gupta after his win. "**JEOPARDY!** has always been a huge part of my life and my family's life; it's a special bonding connection with my grandma, who is a huge fan."

Gupta advanced to the tournament finals after a semifinal game that required a tiebreaker clue to determine the winner.

"Since I had the advantage of having just played a brutal semifinal round going into the finals, my strategy was just to keep up the momentum," Gupta said. "Even though my knowledge base hadn't changed, the semifinal experience was invaluable, and I felt like a better, more experienced competitor."

Some of Gupta's winnings will go towards paying for college, and a portion will go to a special cause.

"A lot of the money will likely go towards college," said Gupta, who will attend Columbia University in the fall. "However, I also hope to donate to Project32 (project32.org), which is a student-run non-profit that I founded in 2016. It provides underserved youth communities worldwide with dental hygiene education and supplies."

To learn more about the **JEOPARDY!** Teen Tournament, please visit the <u>Teen Tournament mini-site</u>.

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