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## JASON ZUFFRANIERI HITS HALF-MILLION MILESTONE WITH 18<sup>th</sup> 'JEOPARDY!' WIN

## Albuquerque, N.M., Math Teacher Becomes Third Contestant in History to Clear \$500K in Regular-Season Winnings

CULVER CITY, CALIF. (September 24, 2019) – Jason Zuffranieri, a math teacher from Albuquerque, N.M., won his 18<sup>th</sup> game of **JEOPARDY!** today, bringing his total prize money to \$502,096. With this win, Zuffranieri becomes only the third **JEOPARDY!** contestant in history to earn more than \$500K in regular-season, non-tournament play: James Holzhauer (\$2,462,216) and Ken Jennings (\$2,520,700) are the other two players to have reached that milestone.

Zuffranieri is in fifth place on the all-time **JEOPARDY!** consecutive games list, with four contestants ahead of him in the rankings: David Madden (19 games), Julia Collins (20 games), Holzhauer (32 games), and Jennings (74 games) are ahead of him.

Zuffranieri returns to face two new challengers Wednesday, September 25. Check local listings for show times and stations.

**JEOPARDY!**, America's Favorite Quiz Show<sup>™</sup>, and its host Alex Trebek are in their 36<sup>th</sup> season in syndication. 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 2019 Emmy for Outstanding Game Show Host. The show holds the Guinness World Records® title for the most Emmy® Awards won by a TV game show (35 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 <u>Jeopardy.com</u>.

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