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## JASON ZUFFRANIERI'S 'JEOPARDY!' STREAK ENDS AFTER 19 GAMES AND \$532,496 IN WINNINGS

## Washington, D.C.'s Gabe Brison-Trezise Wins Thursday's Game

CULVER CITY, CALIF. (September 26, 2019) – Albuquerque, N.M., math teacher Jason Zuffranieri's 19-game **JEOPARDY!** streak came to an end today when Gabe Brison-Trezise, a researcher from Washington, D.C., came out on top with a score of \$22,400. Zuffranieri finished second with \$19,500.

Over the course of his 19 wins, Zuffranieri earned \$532,496 in prize money, and he now holds the number three spot on **JEOPARDY**!'s all-time highest regular season cash winnings list. Only two contestants have ever earned more money than Zuffranieri in non-tournament play: James Holzhauer (\$2,462,216) and Ken Jennings (\$2,520,700).

Zuffranieri also ends his streak tied for fourth place on the all-time **JEOPARDY!** consecutive games list: David Madden also won 19 games in Season 22. Only three players have won more than 19 games: Julia Collins (20 games), Holzhauer (32 games), and Jennings (74 games).

"My mentality for 25 years was that I wasn't meant to be on the show for whatever reason: not smart enough, not camera-friendly, not interesting, whatever," said Zuffranieri, who auditioned for **JEOPARDY!** eight times before making it on the show on his ninth attempt. "To finally get a chance on that stage was a dream come true, and the level of good fortune I received is truly beyond anything I ever considered could happen."

**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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