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## **REIGNING CHAMPION AMY SCHNEIDER RETURNED TO 'JEOPARDY!' TODAY, NOTCHED 14<sup>th</sup> VICTORY**

***Schneider's \$34,800 Win Brings Total Prize Money To \$571,200***

CULVER CITY, CALIF. (December 20, 2021) – After a two-week break for the first-ever Professors Tournament, reigning champion Amy Schneider returned to **JEOPARDY!** today and notched her 14<sup>th</sup> straight victory. The engineering manager from Oakland, Calif.'s winnings now total \$571,200, which puts her in fourth place on the all-time highest non-tournament earnings list. Only three contestants have won more money than her: Matt Amodio (\$1,518,601), James Holzhauer (\$2,462,216) and Ken Jennings (\$2,520,700).

"I've been watching the show since I was a kid," Schneider said of her place among the top players in **JEOPARDY!** history. "I've watched all the people on this list, and to see my name up with them is a very good feeling."

Through her first 14 games, Schneider responded correctly to all but one Final Jeopardy! clue, a level of accuracy that only Holzhauer had previously achieved.

"I definitely feel lucky about it, and there's an extent to which you just get ones that you know," said Schneider. "But, once or twice, I also felt pretty good about my deduction [skills]."

Schneider faces off against two new challengers on Tuesday: Jason Snyder from Los Angeles, Calif., and Kaitlyn Pesterfield from Mesa, Ariz. Check local listings for show times and stations.

**JEOPARDY!**, America's Favorite Quiz Show™, is in its 38<sup>th</sup> season in syndication. With a weekly audience over 20 million viewers,\* **JEOPARDY!** is the top-rated quiz show on television. The show has won a total of 42 Emmy® Awards, holds the Guinness World Records® title for the most Emmy® Awards won by a TV game show, and received a Peabody Award for "celebrating and rewarding knowledge." **JEOPARDY!** is produced by Sony Pictures Television, a Sony Pictures Entertainment Company; it is distributed domestically by CBS Media Ventures and internationally by ViacomCBS Global Distribution Group, both units of ViacomCBS. For more information, please visit [Jeopardy.com](https://www.jeopardy.com).

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