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'JEOPARDY!' ANNOUNCES FIRST-EVER PROFESSORS TOURNAMENT

10-DAY EVENT BEGINS MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

CULVER CITY, CALIF. (November 11, 2021) – It's time to graduate to a new level of competition. In the first-ever [JEOPARDY! Professors Tournament](#), instructors from 15 colleges and universities will face the ultimate test in higher education when they step away from their classrooms and onto the **JEOPARDY!** stage. Hosted by Mayim Bialik, the tournament begins Monday, December 6, and airs on consecutive weeknights until a champion is crowned on Friday, December 17.

"It was an unbelievable thrill to see so many brilliant professors from all kinds of schools and backgrounds come together on the **JEOPARDY!** stage," Bialik said. "There was a sense of kinship and academic camaraderie among the group, along with a healthy dose of competitiveness. That energy made this inaugural Professors Tournament incredibly special."

These elite educators will compete for a \$100,000 grand prize and a spot in the upcoming Tournament of Champions. The roster of competitors is as follows:

- J.P. Allen, a Professor of Business at the University of San Francisco in San Francisco, Calif.
- Hester Blum, a Professor of English at Penn State University in University Park, Pa.
- Sam Buttrey, a Professor of Operations Research at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.
- Marti Canipe, a Professor of Elementary Science at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Ariz.
- Lisa Dresner, an Associate Professor of Writing at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y.
- Ramón Guerra, a Professor of English, Literature, and Latino Studies at the University of Nebraska-Omaha in Omaha, Neb.
- Gautam Hans, an Associate Clinical Professor of Law at Vanderbilt Law School in Nashville, Tenn.
- John Harkless, an Associate Professor of Chemistry at Howard University in Washington, D.C.
- Ed Hashima, a Professor of History at American River College in Sacramento, Calif.
- Gary Hollis, a Professor of Chemistry at Roanoke College in Salem, Va.
- Alisa Hove, a Professor of Botany at Warren Wilson College in Asheville, N.C.
- Ashleigh Lawrence-Sanders, an Assistant Professor of U.S. and African American History at University of Colorado-Boulder in Boulder, Colo.
- Katie Reed, an Associate Professor of Musicology at California State University Fullerton in Fullerton, Calif.

- Deborah Steinberger, a Professor of French Literature at the University of Delaware in Newark, Del.
- Julia Williams, a Professor of English at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind.

For more information, please visit jeopardy.com/contestant-zone/2021/professors-tournament. Check local listings for show times and stations.

JEOPARDY!, America's Favorite Quiz Show™, is in its 38th 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.

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