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# TUNE IN FOR THE 'JEOPARDY!' TEACHERS TOURNAMENT MAY 7-18

## Two-Week Event Presented by Farmers Insurance® Thank America's Teachers®

CULVER CITY, CALIF. (April 30, 2018) – Class is in session when the <u>JEOPARDY!</u> Teachers Tournament kicks off Monday, May 7 (check local listings for show times). The two-week event, presented by Farmers Insurance® in affiliation with the insurer group's Thank America's Teachers® program, features 15 of the country's sharpest educators competing for the \$100,000 grand prize and a spot in the next edition of the Tournament of Champions.

Additionally, Farmers Insurance, through its Thank America's Teachers program, will present each of the contestants with a \$2,500 educational grant to fund classroom projects. In 2018, Farmers Insurance will award teachers more than \$1 million in grants, supporting proposals that help make a difference in the lives of students across the country. More information, as well as an opportunity to personally thank a teacher or to vote for a teacher's proposal throughout the year, can be found at <u>ThankAmericasTeachers.com</u>.

Here are the 2018 JEOPARDY! Teachers Tournament contestants, in alphabetical order:

- Jake Allen, a Gifted and Talented Education teacher at Huntsville Intermediate School in Huntsville, Ark.
- Beth Binder, sixth-grade teacher at Ridgeview Classical Schools in Fort Collins, Colo.
- Claire Bishop, a Latin teacher at Tates Creek High School in Lexington, Ky.
- Lee DiGeorge, an English and technology teacher at P.S./I.S. 087 Middle School in Middle Village, N.Y.
- Erika Eason, a technology teacher at Maret School in Washington, D.C.
- Indi Ekanayake, a science teacher at Rainier Prep in Seattle, Wash.
- Bob Julian, a social studies teacher at Ashland Middle School in Ashland, Ore.
- Mary Alice Korth, a choir teacher at Dowagiac Union High School and Dowagiac Middle School in Dowagiac, Mich.
- Larry Martin, a second-grade teacher at Belinder Elementary School in Shawnee Mission, Kan.
- Steve Mond, a math teacher at Real Salt Lake Academy in Herriman, Utah
- Scott Montanaro, a history and psychology teacher at Woodrow Wilson High School in Portland, Ore.
- Rachel Niegelberg, a special education teacher at Watkins Glen Elementary School in Watkins Glen, N.Y.
- Katherine Saxby, an English and French teacher at Orinda Academy in Orinda, Calif.
- Ranjani Sheshadri, an English teacher at Manvel High School in Manvel, Texas
- Judy Tymkiw, an English teacher at Lakeside Middle School in Millville, N.J.

For more information, please visit <u>Jeopardy.com</u>.

**JEOPARDY!,** America's Favorite Quiz Show®, and its host, Alex Trebek, are in their 34<sup>th</sup> season in syndication. With 23 million viewers each week, **JEOPARDY!** is the top-rated quiz show on television, and has won several awards and distinctions over the course of its 30+ years on the air, including the 2017 Emmy for Outstanding Game Show. The show holds a Guinness World Records® record for the most Emmy® Awards won by a TV game show (34 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>.

## About Thank America's Teachers

Through Thank America's Teachers®, Farmers® will give away more than \$1,000,000 to educators in 2018 and the public will help determine who receives the grants at www.ThankAmericasTeachers.com. Farmers will award 180 grants valued at \$2,500 throughout the year, in addition to the five \$100,000 Dream Big Teacher Challenge® grants, awarded at the end of this year.

#### **About Farmers Insurance**

"Farmers Insurance®" and "Farmers®" are tradenames for a group of affiliated insurers providing insurance for automobiles, homes and small businesses and a wide range of other insurance and financial services and products. Farmers Insurance is proud to serve more than 10 million households with over 19 million individual policies nationally, through the efforts of more than 48,000 exclusive and independent agents and approximately 21,000 employees. Farmers Insurance Exchange, the largest of the three primary insurance insurers that make up Farmers Insurance, is recognized as one of the largest U.S. companies on the 2016 Fortune 500 list.

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