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Ken Jennings Named Alumnus of the Year at Seoul Foreign School

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Seoul, South Korea: Seoul Foreign School (SFS) is pleased to announce alumnus Ken Jennings, class of 1992, has been named Alumnus of the Year. This is the highest honor the School bestows on its graduates, and recognises the recipient's excellence in their chosen field of endeavour and outstanding service to the community or profession as well as devotion to SFS. Mr. Jennings will speak to the graduating class of 2021 in celebration of commencement in June, and will be added to the Wall of Honor on campus.

In 2004, Mr. Jennings won a record 74 games in a row on the American television quiz game show *Jeopardy!* He was also the champion in the *Jeopardy! The Greatest of All Time* tournament in 2020. In November, he was named as the first interim host of the show commencing in January 2020. Mr. Jennings is a published author, having written twelve books, including *The New York Times* bestsellers *Brainiac*, *Maphead*, and *Because I Said So*. His writing has been published in *The New York Times*, *Time* magazine, and *Smithsonian*. He also co-hosts the biweekly podcast *Omnibus*.

Mr. Jennings attended Seoul Foreign School from Grade 2-12, spanning the years from 1982-1992. "It's hard to overstate how my eleven years at SFS shaped me as a person, and continues to loom in my psyche," says Jennings. He recalls participating in the Brain Bowl, positive influences from his teachers, and memories of reading the encyclopedia during recess on rainy days.

Upon learning that he was this year's recipient, Mr. Jennings remarked, "I couldn't feel more honored by this award, given my fond memories of Seoul Foreign School and what I know about the impressive achievements of its alumni." He continued, "as you can imagine, I spent most of 2020 living in fear that some other SFS graduate would win *two Jeopardy!* tournaments this year, pushing me into second place in the voting."

Seoul Foreign School (SFS), an international school in Seoul, South Korea, was established in 1912. Home to more than 1450 students, SFS offers a 108-year legacy of educational excellence. SFS is a K-12 IB World School and Foundation to Year 9 British School for pupils ranging in age from 2-18 years. www.seoulforeign.org

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