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**KELLY RIPA AND RYAN SEACREST ANNOUNCE  
THE RETURN OF 'LIVE'S TOP TEACHER SEARCH'**

**'Live with Kelly and Ryan' Will Honor Top Educators  
During 'Live's Top Teacher Week,' May 3-7**

**One Deserving Teacher Will Receive \$20,000 in Prizes**

Today on "Live with Kelly and Ryan," hosts Kelly Ripa and Ryan Seacrest announced the return of one of the show's most popular and meaningful initiatives: "Live's Top Teacher Search," which will honor outstanding educators the week of May 3-7, during "Live's Top Teacher Week" and in celebration of the national "Teacher Appreciation Week."

When it comes to defining heroes in our society, teachers rank at the top of the list, given the crucial role they play in educating and inspiring their students. And in the past year, they've had to step up like never before, learning how to keep students engaged and motivated under the most difficult of circumstances, facing down the pandemic while meeting the challenges of virtual and hybrid learning.

With "Live's Top Teacher Search," the show will honor educators who go above and beyond for their students, their schools and their communities, especially in these most challenging of times. One teacher will receive a grand prize of \$10,000. Plus, "Live" is teaming up with SONIC® Drive-In to gift the winning teacher another \$10,000 to use on national education nonprofit site DonorsChoose, where they can fund essential learning supplies for their classroom or the classroom of another teacher.

The search is open to current educators from Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and viewers can write in to nominate an extraordinary teacher for consideration by logging on to [KellyAndRyan.com](http://KellyAndRyan.com) for rules, submission guidelines and further details.

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**About "Live with Kelly and Ryan"**

“Live with Kelly and Ryan” is produced by WABC-TV in New York and executive produced by Michael Gelman, Kelly Ripa and Ryan Seacrest. Visit “Live” on the web ([KellyandRyan.com](http://KellyandRyan.com)), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and SnapChat (@LiveKellyRyan).

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