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### **Grade 12 learner from Gauteng scoops SAICA- Sage Pastel National Accounting Olympiad Award**

**Johannesburg, Wednesday, 17 July 2013** –The South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA), in partnership with Sage Pastel Accounting today announced that Praise Ndebele a learner from Ponelepele Oracle Secondary in Gauteng is the 2013 National SAICA Pastel Accounting Olympiad winner.

Praise scooped the first prize for being the best learner with a 92% mark and walked away with an Apple I Pad and a cash prize.

This year's Accounting Olympiad attracted 4 465 grade 11 and 12 learners from 338 schools across the country. "The enthusiastic participation can be attributed to the fact that more learners and educators are beginning to appreciate the impact that the Olympiad has on improving accounting skills," says Gugu Makhanya Project Director for Transformation, Growth and Professional Development at SAICA.

The Olympiad, which began its life as a regional competition in Bloemfontein with long-time sponsors Pastel Accounting, was expanded to a national competition in 2010. It has grown to attract top young accountancy minds from schools across South Africa. The main objective of the Accounting Olympiad is to recognise young accounting talent and encourage interest in accountancy among high school learners.

Runners-up Mokwape Molebatsi of Hosea Kekana Secondary in Gauteng; Umar-Farooq Kagee of Rondebosch Boys High School in the Western Cape ; Gerben Dracijer of Paul Roos Gimnasium in the Western Cape and Yusuf Mohamed of Maritzburg College in KwaZulu-Natal, each of whom scored 88%. Each of the runners up earn cash prizes while 9 top-performing schools (one from each province), win desktop computers.

Joanne Van Der Walt, marketing manager at Sage Pastel Accounting says, "We are delighted with the increasing number of participants and we hope to grow the competition in ensuing years. Pastel is included in most school curriculums, so this sustainable partnership with SAICA is a perfect fit for our

brand.” The competition identifies accounting talent at school level, popularises accounting as a subject, and draws the link between accounting at school and a possible career in an accounting or business field. This is in line with SAICA’s strategy to grow the number of chartered accountants as well as transform the profession.

Van Der Walt and Makhanya congratulated the learners and educators who participated and supported the 2013 Olympiad. They challenged other schools and learners to participate in next year’s competition. “This is not only about competing, but also about improving the quality of matric passes in the country,” says Makhanya.

## **Congratulations to all the winners:**

### **National Winners:**

#### **Top learners:**

1.	Praise Ndebele	Ponelopele Oracle Secondary	GAU	92%
2.	Mokwape Molebatsi	Hosea Kekana Secondary	GAU	88%
	Umar-Farooq Kagee	Rondebosch Boys High	WC	88%
	Gerben Draaijer	Paul Roos Gimnasium	WC	88%
	Yusuf Mohamed	Maritzburg College	KZN	88%

#### **Top schools:**

1.	Orient Islamic School	KZN	69.25%	12 entries
2.	King Edward VII School	GAU	68.50%	12 entries
3.	Rondebosch Boys High	WC	68.40%	10 entries

### **Provincial Winners:**

#### **Gauteng:**

Top School:

King Edward VII School	<b>69%</b>	<b>Average</b>
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Top Learner:

Praise Ndebele		Ponelopele Oracle Sec	<b>92%</b>
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Runners up:

MOKWAPE MOLEBATSI		HOSEA KEKANA SEC	<b>88%</b>
Aqeel Wadee		King Edward VII School	<b>87%</b>

Radebe Tshepo		St Matthews Secondary Sec	<b>87%</b>
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### Free State

Top school:

St. Michael's School	<b>52%</b>	<b>Average</b>
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Top Learner:

Tiffany Wong		St. Michael's School	<b>77%</b>
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Runners up:

Motaung L.J		Ntsu Secondary	<b>73%</b>
Johanna Aletta Venter		St. Michael's School	<b>72%</b>

### Western Cape

Top School:

Rondebosch Boys High	<b>68%</b>	<b>Average</b>
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Top Learners:

Umar-Farooq Kagee		Rondebosch Boys High	<b>88%</b>
Gerben Draaijer		Paul Roos Gimnasium	<b>88%</b>

Runners up:

Karlien Heyns		HMS Bloemhof	<b>85%</b>
Luca Botha		Rondebosch Boys High	<b>82%</b>

### Eastern Cape:

Top school:

Khanyisa High	<b>40%</b>	<b>Average</b>
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Top learner:

Mngxuma Sandiso		Holy Cross Education Centre	<b>70%</b>
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Runners up:

Ntubazi Magugu Zenande		Zingisa CHS	<b>68%</b>
Sibabalwe Mzokwana		Victoria Girls High	<b>67%</b>

### North-West

Top school:

Koster Gekom Skool	<b>59%</b>	<b>Average</b>
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Top learner:

Tumelo Modipane		Mmabatho High School	<b>77%</b>
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Runners up:

Saunders Mathew		Sol Plaatje Secondary School	<b>71%</b>
Kotie Vermaak		Koster Gekom Skool	<b>65%</b>
Kobe Gift		Thulare High	<b>65%</b>

### Northern Cape

Top school:

Northern Cape High School	<b>54%</b>	<b>Average</b>
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Top Learner:

Abdul Kader Cader		William Pescod	<b>70%</b>
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Runners up:

Jitten Vallabh		Northern Cape High School	<b>69%</b>
Danielle Coetzee		Kimberly Girls High	<b>68%</b>

## Mpumalanga

Top school:

Middleburg Muslim School	51%	Average
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Top Learner:

Joshua Swarts			72%
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Runners up:

Bilsal Essack		Hoërskool Lydenberg	65%
Ngubeni Ntokozo		Hlalakahle High School	65%

## Limpopo

Top School:

Dendron Secondary School	59%	Average
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Top Learner:

Mutshinya Maano		Dendron Secondary School	75%
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Runners up:

Mampogoro Fulufhelo		Mopani Intermediate School	71%
Ngoepe Pheidah		Dendron Secondary School	68%
Tshiwawa Mpho		Patric Ramaano	68%

## Kwa-Zulu Natal

Top School:

Orient Islamic School	69%	Average
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Top Learner:

Yusuf Mohamed		Maritzburg College	88%
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Runners up:

Estom Govender		Stanmore Secondary School	<b>81%</b>
Akshay Maharaj		Anchorlite College	<b>79%</b>

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### ABOUT SAICA

The South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA), South Africa's pre-eminent accountancy body, is widely recognised as one of the world's leading accounting institutes. The Institute provides a wide range of support services to more than 30 000 members who are Chartered Accountants and hold positions as CEOs, MDs, board directors, business owners, chief financial officers, auditors and leaders in their spheres of business operation. Most of these members operate in commerce and industry, and play a significant role in the nation's highly dynamic business sector and economic development.

SAICA serves the interests not only of the Chartered Accountancy profession, but also of society in general through its key objective of upholding professional standards and integrity. The pre-eminence of South African Chartered Accountants [CAs(SA)] nationally and internationally attests to the successes achieved by SAICA on a broad global canvas. SAICA's members enjoy the privilege of using the highly regarded and prestigious CA(SA) designation. Members of SAICA are subjected to a Code of Professional Conduct, which provides guidelines for ethical and professional behaviour. Fundamental ethical principles to which CAs(SA) are expected to achieve include:

- Integrity;
- Objectivity;
- Professional Competence and Due Care;
- Confidentiality; and
- Professional Behaviour.

SAICA members serve on international accounting bodies including; the Trustees of the International Financial Reporting (IFRS) Foundation, the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), the IFRS Interpretations Committee, the IFRS Advisory Council and the Council of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC). SAICA is also a member of The Global Accounting Alliance (GAA).

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### About the Thuthuka Bursary Fund and Thuthuka Education Upliftment Project:

One of SAICA's prime goals is to strengthen the country's economy by playing a significant and leading role in transformation and skills development. The Thuthuka Education Upliftment Project, a pioneering initiative to promote transformation in the profession, was launched in the Eastern Cape in 2002 and is fast growing into a national project. Thuthuka's objective is to transform the demographics of the profession to reflect those of the country in terms of race and gender, and provide educational support to African learners and students for the benefit of the profession while simultaneously helping to uplift communities. Therefore, SAICA prides itself in leading the chartered accountancy profession as a socially responsible driver of business and skills development by supporting and encouraging enterprise development initiatives.

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