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UCT's Maths competition winners among national Olympiad finalists

A total of nine winners from the UCT Mathematics Competition, which was held in April this year, are among the 20 medallists in the 2017 South African Mathematics Olympiad for Grade 8 to 12 learners.

The medallists were announced earlier this week, with the gold medal winners in each division set to be revealed at an award ceremony on Saturday, 23 September.

Almost 100 000 learners participated in the nationwide Olympiad in 2017 – with the nine UCT participants being among the gold medal hopefuls in each division.

The UCT Mathematics Competition, organised by the university's Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics, has proved most effective in creating interest in mathematics and encouraging the development of mathematical potential among promising high school students.

Professor John H Webb, Director: UCT Mathematics Competition, says the competition has been behind the success attained by Western Cape participants in the national contest.

"For many years, Western Cape high school learners have been predominant among the winners of the national mathematics and computer Olympiads, and take most of the places in the International Olympiads in these subjects," says Prof Webb.

The UCT Mathematics Olympiad is held annually at UCT for high schools in the Western Cape. Each year over 7000 high school learners participate and invitations are sent to 400 high schools in the Western Cape.

The aim of the UCT Mathematics Competition is to popularise mathematics among high schools in Western Cape and to raise awareness among both learners and teachers that mathematics is a subject that is enjoyable and accessible for all.

For more information on the UCT Mathematics Competition, please [click here](#).

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