

## Looking back at achievements, community projects and memorable moments in Stellenbosch Thuthuka's past...

### 2014 Thuthuka: 'n Jaar van groei...

Dit is tans die agste jaar wat die Thuthuka program by die Universiteit van Stellenbosch aangebied word (2014). Die program het hierdie jaar na meer as 120 studente gegroei wat deur die inisiatief befonds word. Dit is dus een van die grootste onafhanklike beurskemas in die Fakulteit van Ekonomiese en Bestuurswetenskappe. Met groei kom ook natuurlik meer verantwoordelikhede en die student was ten volle hiervan bewus.



*(Hier sien ons die hele groep van 120 studente wat aan Nthato Selebi sterkte toewens. Nthato het hierdie jaar die Comrades marathon voltooi)*

Alhoewel dit slegs die agste jaar is wat die Thuthukabeursfonds by Maties aangebied word, is dit vanjaar die [10de bestaansjaar van die Thuthuka beursfonds landswyd](#). Dit is 'n groot prestasie vir 'n beursfonds om in die huidige ekonomiese klimaat so lank suksesvol te wees. Die beursfonds het reeds byna 'n 1000 studente wat betrokke is by die program. Om die tiende bestaansjaar te vier het die studente 'n reeks aktiwiteite uitgevoer wat gestrek het van gediggies en liedjies vir Thuthuka te maak, 'n kanker bewustheidsveldtog en koekies op kampus te versprei.



*( Thuthuka seniors vorm 'n 10 op kampus om die 10e bestaansjaar ban die beursfonds aan te dui)*



*(Thuthuka eerstejaar student- Lungile Tshabala deel koek met die res van kampus)*



*(Thuthuka studente tydens hul bewusmakingsveldtog)*



Die Universiteit het ook 'n toekenning van die Suid-Afrikaanse Institute van Geoktrooieerde Rekenmeesters (SAIGR) ontvang wat die by wat die Skool vir Rekeningkunde tot die groei en transformasie van die professie erken het. Die Universiteit is een van slegs 15 universiteite landswyd wat betrokke is by die program. Die Universiteit en die personeel van die Skool vir Rekeningkunde was bedank vir die jare lange ondersteuning en toegewydheid om 'n verskil te maak in die lewe van verskeie studente.

[Gemeenskapsinteraksie het sinoniem geraak met Stellenbosch Thuthuka](#). Tesame met die projekte wat jaarliks uitgevoer word, soos die studente wat as kampeiers by die Thuthuka Wiskunde kampe dien, die Dress-a-Kid program waar die studente help om kleredrag vir skool leerders befonds, het die Stellenbosch Thuthuka studente twee afsonderlike gemeenskap projekte geloods. Omdat hulle iets vir die Stellenbosch gemeenskap terug wou gee het hulle besluit om met 'n voedingskema in Stellenbosch te skakel en het vir die kinders in Cloeteville met toebroodjies en appels verskaf. Die studente het ook by die Saartjie Baartman Sentrum vir Vroue en Kinders in Manenberg betrokke geraak en het gehelp om die speelgronde by hierdie sentrum met vrolike kleure te vul deur die speelpark met helder kleure te verf. Die sentrum huisves ongeveer 50 moeders en kinders wat daaglik omstandighede van drank-en dwelmmisbruik sowel as mishandeling ervaar. Die studente het deur beide van hierdie geleenthede besef hoe bevoorreg hulle is en dat daar soveel mense en kinders het wat met minder as die basiese benodighede dag tot dag moet leef.



*(Thuthuka@maties at the Saartjie Baartman centre for woman and children)*

Omdat dit belangrik is dat die studente op hoogte bly van verwickelinge in die werksplek en skakel met die professie, het die Stellenbosch Thuthuka program in 2014 ook 'n praktyk mentorprogram geloods. Elke derde jaar student het 'n gekwalifiseerde GR as 'n mentor ontvang. Die mentor se rol is om die student te mentor, leiding te verskaf en te blootstelling te gee aan die rekeningkundige professie en hulle toekomstige werksomgewings en industrie waar hulle mag werksaam wees in die

toekoms. Die program het baie positiewe terugvoer van beide die mentors en mentees ontvang en sal vir 2015 weer na die nuwe finale jaar studente uitgebrei word.

Soos in die verlede het die Stellenbosch Thuthuka alumni 'n groot indruk gemaak op die rekeningkundige professie, met alumni wat dien op verskeie komitees en professionele liggame. Die Stellenbosch Thuthuka Alumni het ook 'n groot rol gespeel in die stigting van die Nasionale Thuthuka Alumni verenging, 'n struktuur geskep deur SAIGR. Dit was 'n jaar van groei vir Thuthuka, maar ons het ongelukkig ook een van ons geliefkoosde student verloor. Nandi is tragies op die 2de Januarie 2014 oorlede. Nandi het in 2013 haar graad voltooi en sou in 2014 in die honneurs klas wees. Ons gedagtes is steeds by haar familie. Dit is baie tragies om 'n pragtige en belowende jong dame skielik te verloor.

Dit was 'n jaar van verander, 'n jaar van dink oor wat Thuthuka@Maties reeds gedoen het. 'n Jaar om te besin oor wat die toekoms moet inhou en ons te herinner waarnatoe ons oppad is. Thuthuka het reeds baie mense se lewes kom verander en hopelik gaan dit nog vele meer. Vir meer inligting oor die Stellenbosch Thuthuka program en ander nuus oor die studente, besoek gerus ons webwerf. Departement Rekeningkunde bedank alle Departemente en Afdelings binne die Universiteit, buite-organisasies en die SAIGR vir hul toewyding en harde werk om van die Stellenbosch Thuthuka program 'n sukses te maak.

## SAICA Maths Development Camp 2014

*By Jamie Ramplin (Second year BAcc)*

**“I’m someone in the future, and I look much better than I look right now.”**

These words echoed through the whole camp as we as camp leaders got ready to inspire and motivate the 163 grade twelve learners upon their arrival on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at the annual Western Cape SAICA Maths Development Camp hosted at the Cape Academy School for Maths, Science & Technology in Constantia.

The camp ran from the 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and was co-ordinated by Betty Abrahams, project manager at SAICA.

On Sunday, the grade twelve learners were ushered into their respective rooms by the energetic and enthusiastic group leaders.

With the main goals in mind, these being to promote the CA (SA) career path, prepare the learners for the final matric exams as well as having fun, 1 co-ordinator, 3 training facilitators, 4 teachers, and 16 camp leaders set about accomplishing these goals in 6 days.

First up on the agenda, the learners were given a Zumba class. You must be thinking: “What?! A Zumba class at a Maths Development Camp?”. This would not only have physical benefits, but also give the learners some confidence for the week ahead.

With the week off to an exciting start, the learners were exposed to a variety of accounting firms. Freebies from the respective firms seemed endless. Some firms had presentations, while others opted for a less formal lunch or dinner option with the learners. Whichever way they interacted, they sure made a great impression on the learners by giving them a glimpse into their futures.

The school learners were then inspired, motivated and taught skills that would help them become successful business people. They were inspired by Preston Jongbloed as he shared his experiences, motivated by Thando Melane to find their purpose, and also enlightened on the importance of



personal branding by Karl Smith. As prospective Chartered Accountants, these lessons would lead to learners being well-rounded individuals.

Then the learners got to the academic part of the camp. They received Mathematics and Accounting lessons in English and Afrikaans by enthusiastic and dedicated teachers. Group leaders assisted the teachers with regards to any queries the learners had in the classes. The classes hosted at the camp and their previous knowledge would need to help them in the Mathematics and Accounting tests, which were to be written on 10 July 2014.

After the tests, learners were taken to Spur to enjoy dinner with team leaders, teachers, camp trainers and the co-ordinator. After the meal, all groups participated in the Fashion Show where learners had to make costumes out of materials including refuse bags, newspaper and juice bottle tops. The outcome was great. Outfits of different styles and shapes were designed to ensure that the walk down the runway was a memorable one.

The Thuthuka Camp awards ceremony the following day not only marked the celebration of the top performing learners but an end to a camp that had truly exceeded my expectations. The end of Jodie Colville's speech (learner from Hottentots Holland High) at the awards ceremony sums up the reason for the camp. She said: "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. We ask ourselves sometimes: 'Who am I to be beautiful, intelligent and successful? More importantly, who am I to want to be a CA (SA) in the future? The actual question is, who are we not to be? ".



Above: Team leaders of 2014 SAICA Math Development Camp

## Augustus 2013: Dress A Kid gemeenskapsdiensprojek

Die Thuthuka studente het vanjaar weer geld ingesamel ten einde 'n bydrae te lewer aan twee plaaslike skole, naamlik Uitkyk en Ebenhaeser Primêr. Die gelde wat ingesamel is, is gebruik om skooluitrustings vir die leerders van die skole aan te koop.



Op die foto is juffrou L Hahn (D.A.K verteenwoordiger - links agter) saam met die O/9 A netbalspan, die prinsipaal en afrigter.

VREDENDAL: Dress A Kid (D.A.K), 'n informele groep jong mense uit Matzikama streek het weereens die jaar 'n klein tog nodige bydrae gemaak deur ietsie terug te gee aan twee plaaslike skole naamlik Uitkyk en Ebenhaeser Primêre Skole. Uitrustings was onderskeidelik op 17 en 18 Julie oorhandig. Met die finansiële ondersteuning vanaf die Thuthuka beurs organisasie en Shoprite Checkers groep was dit moontlik om 22 leerders van Uitkyk Primêr te ondersteun met die aankope van skoolbaadjies, broekies en hempies.

Die O/9A en O/13A netbal spanne van Ebenhaeser Primêre Skool spog met hul nuwe uitrustings. D.A.K groep bedank elke lid, onderwysers vir hul ondersteuning, Skoolmark en Moose Sports vir hul goeie diens en in besonder Thuthuka beurs organisasie en die Shoprite Checkers groep.



## Rektor inspireer beursstudente

*“Daar is niks kosbaarder as kennis nie,”* was die boodskap van prof. Russel Botman, rektor van die Universiteit Stellenbosch, onlangs aan Thuthuka-beurshouers. Hy het hulle aangemoedig om denkleiers te word wat kennis tot voordeel van die samelewing aanwend.

Thuthuka is 'n transformasie-inisiatief van die Suid-Afrikaanse Instituut van Geoktrooieerde Rekenmeesters (SAIGR). Dit is daarop gemik om voorheen benadeelde leerders aan te moedig om 'n loopbaan in die geoktrooieerde rekenmeestersveld te volg.

Prof. Botman, wat die groep Donderdag by hul maandelikse vergadering toegesprek het, het die lewensverhaal van sy pa, Karel Botman, as voorbeeld gebruik. Ondanks die groot opofferings wat hy moes maak, het hy nooit sy droom van beter opleiding laat vaar nie. Hy het dit ook aan sy kinders oorgedra.

Die Universiteit se Skool vir Rekeningkunde het tans 102 Thuthuka-studente, waarvan 31 eerstejaars is.



Prof. Botman met (v.l.n.r.) Thuthuka-studente Bronwyn Moore, Cher Ockhuis, Kim Peters, Pascale Harris en Courtney Apollis.

## July 2013: FirstRand Winter School

*This article was written by Nina de Bruin (Thuthuka BAccHons student)*

TIPP or TOPP? This is not an easy decision to make. That is why I decided to apply for FirstRand's winter school in Johannesburg. I hoped that it would help me make up my mind and it did exactly that. I am beyond grateful for being granted this wonderful opportunity.

The winter school started on the 8th of July and ended on the 12th of July. During that week we were divided into groups and participated in a variety of activities. The activities included a share game where we had to trade on the JSE, an amazing race where we had to run in and around the buildings in Merchant Place based on different clues, and a credit application. The credit application had to be presented to the credit board which tested our ability to speak in front of a group of people.

We were also introduced to all the different brands within the FirstRand Group namely FNB, Wesbank, RMB and Ashburton. We spent a day at each brand's head office. It was an amazing learning experience about the financial services industry, especially banking and investments. We also engaged with the trainees as well as the high profile leaders including FirstRand's CEO, Sizwe Nxasana, and the CEO of Rand Merchant Bank, Allan Pullinger. All the leaders are extremely humble and inspirational.

FirstRand emphasized the belief of "steering your own ship". What the trainee gets out of their three years of articles is completely up to the trainee. All the leaders agreed that you should learn as much as possible during your articles.

I would strongly recommend BAccounting students who are undecided about the industry they would like to work in, to explore the available options by attending winter schools and doing vacation work at firms.



(All the students from the University of Stellenbosch that attended the winter school)



## July 2013: FNB Winter Workshop

*This article was written by Kim Peters (Thuthuka group leader)*

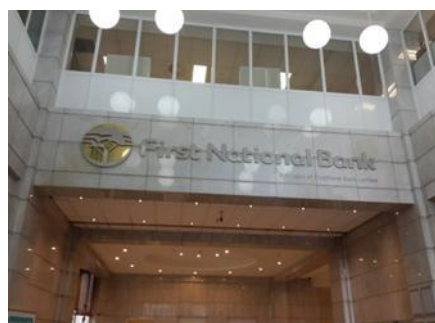
*"If you're in search of honey, you must be prepared to be stung by the bees".*

These were the words said by Mr Sizwe Nxasana, the CEO of FirstRand Bank Limited, while I attended the FNB Winter Workshop at their conference centre in Sandton, Johannesburg. The aim of this workshop was to enable us to bridge the gap between being a university student and being in the workplace.



My week consisted of interacting with business leaders such as FNB's incoming CEO, Jacques Celliers, including FirstRand's CEO, Sizwe Nxasana. I also spoke to newly graduated employees, who gave me insight on their experiences in the working world. FNB treated the group to a trip to a game park just outside Pretoria, where we (with the help of our coordinators) participated in a Jeep driving course. Even though I wasn't able to drive the Jeep, I still found every minute of the course to be exhilarating. My week did not just consist of me participating in driving courses and interacting with business leaders, I also volunteered with the Stop Hunger Now Campaign and packed food packets. We later delivered these food packets to Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres in a township in Johannesburg. While at these ECD's we played games and interacted with the children who attended these ECD's. At the end of each day, we would get into our allocated groups and work on our business idea which we had to present to the judges at the end of the week. The aim of this business idea was for us to find a weakness in South Africa's education system and then come up with a solution to our identified problem.

All in all, this workshop was a humbling and an eye-opening experience which made me appreciate what I have and all of the opportunities which are awarded to me. Thank you FNB for the amazing opportunity!



## July 2013: The Northern Cape SAICA camp 2013

This article was written by Alvern Malgas (Thuthuka 2nd year student) Joslyn van Wyk (Thuthuka 1st year student) and I both attended the Northern Cape SAICA camp 2013 as camp leaders. This was an amazing experience for us and one that we could not have received anywhere else. It was the perfect time for networking and for making some lifelong friends. The camp kicked off in Upington at Duineveld High School. This year the camp was a little different from the usual, seeing that it was combined with the Department of Education's Top Achievers Camp. Although the main focus was academics, it didn't stop us from networking and having fun in the process.



During the week the learners got the opportunity to meet and engage with top auditing firms, universities and other influential people in the industry. Academic classes were presented by highly qualified educators and the learners were encouraged to follow the CA path. The learners were also tested on the work they covered that week and some even got acknowledgement for their hard work at the awards ceremony.

Joslyn van Wyk and I both attended the top achievers camp in our matric year and it suffices to say that serving as group leaders and seeing how much it takes to organise and run a camp like this was totally a different experience. One of my fellow group leaders, Beolah Motebe (Thuthuka student at the University of the Free State), described the camp as: "A camp that was supposed to inspire matriculants to start the CA journey inspired me as a third year student to finish it and help others get through it."

As a group leader I got the chance to interact with the learners on a more personal level. I formed part of their groups during the motivational sessions and also participated. This helped us all to build trusting relationships by learning from each other's experiences and offering advice where possible. Kimberley Joseph (Douglas High School) said: "It is important for the matriculants of 2013 to stay focused on the future and not the past, so that they don't get trapped in the present".



A phrase that will always remain with me is Tando Melane's (a motivational speaker at the camp) favourite sayings: "I'm somewhere in the future and I look much better than I look right now." I feel that because of this camp the learners and I can trust and believe in those words.



## June 2013: European Business School – “Doing Business in Europe”

*This article was written by Greg Bermosky (Thuthuka group leader)*

Students are often not aware of the opportunities that are around them and that are available to them at Stellenbosch University. In the June holidays Euan Klassen and I (both Thuthuka third year BAccounting students) made the best of such an opportunity when we were selected to do an exchange programme with Germany. Even though it does not count for our degree, it truly enriched our lives. It was an eye opener to see the world out there and we were fortunate enough to be able visit a vast amount of countries while we were in Europe.



We attended the European Business School with the theme “Doing Business in Europe”. Even though most of the work dealt with topics we covered in our prior studies it was interesting to see how it got implemented in the European industry. During and after the course, we tried to travel around as much as possible. We visited Strasbourg in France, hopped on a train up to Amsterdam, made a stop in Belgium and to finish our trip we went down to Switzerland to the Swiss Alps.

This was truly an amazing experience. We built up connections and networks that will certainly last a lifetime. We met the most interesting people and some quite powerful people too. Being South African we always found ourselves converting the money we spent back to the rand. Funnily enough it is said that the best way to compare prices are by comparing the price of Coke between countries. However, at the end of the day we cannot put a price on the experience we had and the memories we made. The people we met and the memories we made will be engraved in our hearts forever.



## June 2013: Western Cape SAICA Camp 2013

*Written by Gretchen Busch (Thuthuka group leader)*

The Western Cape SAICA/Thuthuka Maths Development Camp, coordinated by Betty Abrahams, the transformation project manager for SAICA, took place during the period of 23 – 29 June 2013 at the Cape Academy for Maths, Science & Technology in Constantia.



The camp started a day earlier for the camp leaders, from different universities and backgrounds, to receive training for the week ahead. The camp leaders learned various skills, from organising and planning to problem solving. A goal was set by the team to make the 2013 camp the best camp there ever was.

As the learners arrived on the Sunday, eager and excited camp leaders welcomed them with enthusiasm which quickly rubbed off on the learners. Though they were sad to leave their family and give up a part of their holiday to come to the camp to study, they were motivated for the week and had an amazing spirit that filled the atmosphere with their willingness to learn.



During the week the learners received academic tutoring and classes from highly skilled teachers and tutors and had a chance to refine their knowledge and learn new things that would help them on their road to a successful exam. When asked how the sessions influenced them, Sadiya Salie, a learner attending the camp, said that she is now more willing to do mathematics and that she is looking forward to her future even more.

It was not all hard work during the week. There was a lot of time for fun and games and the students had a chance to show their creative side during a fashion show. It was amazing to see what designs students came up with, and it was evident that this group of students were clearly not just going to become the stereotypical “boring accountants”.

Apart from academic education, learners were also addressed by speakers from various fields of expertise who gave them life skills and motivation for their future. This was motivation for students and leaders to take them forward and give them hope, that it’s not about where you come from, but where you are going. After the camp, one of the learners said that she was now more focused, determined and willing to make major sacrifices and that she has erased the phrase “I can’t” from her life. At the end of the week an entertaining awards ceremony was held for the learners, which was presented by Freedom Hadebe (better known as Mandla from 7de Laan). The top achievers and most involved learners were acknowledged and received awards.

By the end of the camp strangers became good friends and cultural boundaries were erased. As camp leaders we achieved our objective to make 2013 the best camp ever. The learners were encouraged by the camp as a whole. One of the learners, Wendy Rayi, said that she was inspired by the camp leaders when she was pushed to do things that she did not want to do. She learnt that one should not give up just because one is tired, a valuable lesson for moving forward in life. It was touching to see what an impact the little things you do could have on another person’s life.



“We are not prisoners of our past, but pioneers of our future”, inspirational words that both learners and leaders can take forward in their future endeavours.





Jaden Flagg, a Thuthuka first year student, performed well in the first leg of a three leg series in the Varsity Athletics and also set up a personal best at the ASA Junior Championships. The following article appeared on the Maties Atletiek web page on 16 April 2013:

### VARSITY ATHLETICS STARTS OFF TO AN EXPLOSIVE START

16 April 2013

Coetzenburg Stadium hosted the first of a three leg series in the Varsity Athletics. Whilst Maties struggled to reach the top three in the team event there were some credible performances on the night. The 2013 SA Senior 200m champion; Justine Palframan returned from a successful weekend to secure silver in the 400m women's event. Her training partner and team-mate Nabeela Parker took bronze in the 100m for women, proving once again that she is slowly starting to regain the form that saw her side-lined for much of the 2013 season due to an injury. The 18 year old Parker achieved a season's best of 12.12sec in the 100m.

Another top performer on the track was Jaden Flagg; who took bronze in the 400m for men. Flagg recently returned from the ASA Junior Championships with a bronze in the 400m in a personal best of 46.97sec and he will be looking to improve on that as the Varsity Athletics season moves on.

In the field events, the fast improving Wynand Carstens finished second to claim the silver medal just 24cm short of the winning distance. Birdie Carstens took bronze with a distance of 5.78m in the long jump for women.

## Klein 'Pikke'-wyn vir my en ook vir jou

*This article was written by Mareli Greyling*

As deel van Stellenbosch Thuthuka-studente se toewyding tot gemeenskapsdiens het studente geld ingesamel en daarin geslaag om 12 Afrika-pikkewyne by SANCCOB (the Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds) aan te neem. Afrika-pikkewyne word bedreig, siende dat hul getalle met 64% in die laaste dekade gedaal het. Dit kos ongeveer R500 om 'n siek/beseerde pikkewyn ten volle te rehabiliteer en in die natuur vry te laat. Die geld wat ingesamel word, help met befondsing van die rehabilitasie. SANCCOB is 'n toonaangewende, mariene-georiënteerde, nie-winsgewende organisasie wat al meer as 90 000 siek, beseerde, olie-besmette of verlate Afrika-pikkewyne en ander bedreigde seevoëls behandel het sedert hul stigting in 1968. Onafhanklike navorsing het bewys dat die wilde Afrika-pikkewynbevolking 19% hoër is as gevolg van SANCCOB se bewaringspogings. SANCCOB is 'n internasionaal-erkende leier op die gebied van olie-besmette wild, rehabilitasie van wild sowel as die grootmaak van kuikens. Hul dra ook by vir navorsing tot voordeel van seevoëls, hul lei mense op om te sorg vir die voëls en leer die publiek om gedragspatrone te ontwikkel wat tot voordeel is van die mariene-lewe sowel as die omgewing waarvan dit afhang.

Die pikkewyne deur die Thuthuka borge benoem, is soos volg:

Pikkewyn se naam	Borge	Motivering vir die naam
SAICA	South African Institute of Chartered Accountants	Erkenning aan die dryfkrag agter die beursfonds.
Stb Thuthuka	Stellenbosch Thuthuka studente	Erkenning aan die program.
CA(SA)	Namens die Stellenbosch Oudit dosente	Erkenning aan die kwalifikasie waarvoor alle studente werk
Frodo	Stellenbosch Belasting dosente	Frodo is die held in JRR Tolkien se <i>Lord of The Rings</i> . Frodo moes deur allerhande gevaarsituasies gaan om hul bestaan te red. Frodo die pikkewyn is 'n held wat 'n nare situasie oorleef het en sy maats daardeur gehelp het
Roelfie	Finansiële Rekeningkunde dosente	Erkenning aan die 'n legendsiere Finansiële rekeningkunde dosent, Roelof Baard
Finrek	Finansiële Rekeningkunde dosente	Erkenning aan die vak wat die studente se lewens oorheers elke jaar.
Snafu	Eloise de Jager & Mareli Greyling	Die naam klink soos 'n pikkewyn wat nies.
Mrs. Bishop S. Rico	Bestuursrekeningkunde dosente	Erkenning aan Bestuursrekeningkunde dosente en verwys ook na <i>Penguins of Madagascar</i> en Bishop Tutu.
Sir Wil O. Pingo 1st	Stellenbosch Thuthuka studente	Thuthuka studente keuse.
Riaan	Stellenbosch Thuthuka studente	Thuthuka studente erkenning aan Thuthuka projekbestuurder
Ivankov	Unofficial penguin protection program	Russiese naam van persoon met 'n baie uitdagende lewe.
Tatyana	Unofficial penguin protection program	Russiese naam van persoon met 'n baie uitdagende lewe.

Die Stellenbosch Thuthuka-groepleiers het ook op 12 Maart 2013 besoek afgelê by SANCCOB waar hulle vir 'n middag die geleentheid gehad het om te sien wat die rehabilitasie behels asook tyd spandeer om te help met die skoonmaak van pikkewynhokke.







## March 2013: Stellenbosch Thuthuka volunteers at the Sunshine D Polar Ice Cream 10km Big Walk

*This article was written by Nicole Radloff (Thuthuka chairperson)*

During the early hours of Sunday, 3 March 2013, while most people were enjoying a peaceful nights rest, 100 Thuthuka students were up and ready to go to Sea point, excited to volunteer at the Sunshine D Polar Ice Cream 10km Big Walk.



The beneficiary for this event is the Children's Hospital Trust, the Fundraising Arm of the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital and all of the funding received from this event will go directly towards their current fundraising project, namely the upgrading and equipping of the Radiology Department.

The Thuthuka students, all wearing red t-shirts, were responsible for the Children's Hospital Trust's water point at the event. The Thuthuka students cheered on the walkers and handed them much needed water refreshments.

After a hard day's work, the Thuthuka students went the extra mile by helping with the clean-up of the Sea Point promenade walkway.

The Thuthuka students' contribution to the event was also acknowledged by Mr. Stefan Roberts, the Communications Assistant of The Children's Hospital Trust:

*"We are extremely grateful to Stellenbosch Thuthuka Society for once again assisting us on this event and for the wonderful enthusiasm displayed by the volunteers. It was because of their great attitudes that everyone had a wonderful time causing time to fly by. The dedication and commitment of the volunteers had a huge contribution to the success of the Big Walk. After the great efforts on Sunday the event managed to raise R250 000 towards the building and equipping of the Radiology department."*

The sacrifice of waking up early in the morning was a small price that the Thuthuka students were more than willing to pay in order to serve the community.



## November 2012: Charmlyn Carelse wen Mej. TygerBurger-Oktoberfees 2012

Charmlyn Carelse, 'n Thuthuka honneursstudent by die Universiteit van Stellenbosch, het met die heel eerste Mej. TygerBurger Oktoberfees-titel weggestap.



## October 2012: BAccounting students contribute to the Stellenbosch Thuthuka programme

*This article was written by Justus Luttig (third year BAccounting student).*

It all began with the Midnight for Mass cycle in Cape Town, which involves a mass cycle in and around the Cape Town city centre, promoting safe cycling in the CBD. A few of our house mates (Stellenbosch students) did the cycle and since then we decided to do something new and exciting every full moon, something we have never done before. This month's event (1 October) entailed splitting up into teams to see who could raise the most money in 90 minutes at different locations in Stellenbosch during rush hour traffic (5pm-6.30pm). The teams could only use one cardboard sign each and choose one other item of choice to attract attention. This included only wearing cardboard signs offering viewers a "sneak peak", telling jokes for donations, playing guitar or "selling a date".



The initial purpose of the collection was to challenge ourselves, but we also learnt something about ourselves. It is easy to disregard someone on the side of the road, not taking the time to acknowledge their existence because we are consumed with our own lives. On Monday, we were however on the other side...the person on the side of the road. It was hard not to be humbled when people put their hand next to their face and literally leave you in the dust, confused and blinded by the smog. This makes you query your self-worth. This experience will definitely change my mindset and attitude next time, when I am the driver.

We collected about R900 that day and donated a portion of it to the Stellenbosch Thuthuka Bursary Programme of the Department of Accounting. We hope that this contribution will help with the community service projects.



The students involved in this adventure and who helped raised the money were Benoit Morkel, Steve Harding, Granville Smith, Sam Chevallier, Sasha Andrews and me, Justus Luttig.

## Augustus 2012: Community Service project - Stellenbosch Thuthuka brings colour to Red Cross Children's Hospital School

*This article was written by Michellene Williams (Thuthuka chairperson).*

Yet again Stellenbosch University's Thuthuka Students proved that small acts of kindness and giving, creates the opportunity of making a big difference or even just bring a huge smile to a little child's face. Thuthuka is a bursary initiative from the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants for disadvantage students aspiring to be Chartered Accountants.

The Thuthuka students from Stellenbosch embarked upon raising money and using it to buy stationery in the form of colouring books, crayons and Koki's for the little ones at the Red Cross Children's Hospital School. Michellene Williams, the Chairperson of the group for 2012, stated: "It has been a blessing to work with the Red Cross Children's Hospital this year. From raising funds for



the hospital and now, donating a few stationary items has been a great fulfilment. We have continuously emphasised that any act, big or small, by a group of motivated, committed individuals is all that is required to make a difference. This is the decision we have made according to Stellenbosch University's MAD2 motto- Making a decision to make a difference."



The new executive members of the Stellenbosch Thuthuka committee (group leaders) and the outgoing group of leaders, as seen in the photo above, delivered the stationery to the kids. This provided an opportunity to engage, interact and play with the children, which brought much joy and laughter for the children. Ms Michelle Shargey, the school principle sincerely thanked Thuthuka noting that it was evident that the students' donation and presence brought excitement to the kids and noted that the Thuthuka students themselves visibly enjoyed themselves just as much. This certainly encapsulates what Maya Angelo has said: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

May this inspire many more to do well by taking an active step. Be proactive and find needs in our country without being forced nor asked. Hence if you do not like something, do something about it. What may seem impossible by man is surely possible by God and hard work.



A special thank you to Shoprite who supported this Thuthuka community service project with a generous voucher donation which meant more stationery for the kids. We are grateful that Shoprite responded to our need for help with such compassion and generosity.

## Augustus 2012: Gemeenskapsdiensprojek

Die Thuthuka studente is altyd gretig om terug te gee aan die gemeenskap en was dus opgewonde om geld in te samel en om boeke te herwin ten einde 'n bydrae te lewer aan Ebenhaeser Primêre Skool sodat skooluitrustings vir die leerders aangekoop kon word.



## July 2012: Three Thuthuka students chosen to attend the FirstRand Winter School in Johannesburg

*This article was written by Michellene Williams (Thuthuka chairperson).*

Thomas Edison said: “Opportunity is missed by most people, as it is dressed in overalls and looks like hard work”, but Michellene Williams (BAcc honours), Nicole Radloff (third year BAcc) and Farren September (third year BAcc) from the Department of Accounting certainly did not miss their opportunity. These three young aspiring Chartered Accountants recently attended FirstRand Limited’s first winter school on Banking in Sandton Johannesburg.



It started with an application during their examination period with the hope of gaining more insight into the banking and investment industry. This was the ideal opportunity to engage with industry experts and meet high profile leaders at FirstRand. It was an all-expense paid trip, which only required their enthusiasm and willingness to learn.

Among the week long activities in which they participated, was a share game challenge whereby each group had to invest and divest in shares of their choice, trying to be the most profitable for the week. All the student delegates realised that “playing the JSE” or in business terms trading, is not as easy as it seems. It requires knowledge, insight, an understanding of the wide variety of industries and companies and often a bit of luck. One common expression often used when a group chose a company’s share was “guys we don’t know what we’re doing, we’re just taking a gamble”.

Among the leaders with whom these delegates engaged were Allan Pullinger, a qualified Chartered Accountant and the CEO of Rand Merchant Bank (RMB), which is one of the subsidiaries of the FirstRand Group. Very soon it became clear that at FirstRand it is not about positions or titles, which is evident from their flat organisational workforce structure. During the week many lessons were learnt, not only on the technical aspect of Banking, but wisdom and industry knowledge were shared as well. Allan, as he preferred to be called, emphasised the following: values and integrity are most important and by treating people right, they will in turn produce the required results. The students also had the opportunity to converse throughout the week with trainees on the FirstRand CA programme. The students also conversed with these trainees and a few top executives at a social cocktail evening. This proves that CA (SA)’s work hard and play hard. Nevertheless, this certainly allowed for a more informal, relaxed environment in which to engage with industry leaders. Among the top business leaders in attendance was Johan Burger, the Chief Operating Officer and Chief financial officer of the FirstRand Group, which inspired the three Stellenbosch students as he is a Stellenbosch graduate. He, like many in FirstRand, believes that great ideas do not stem from top management, but rather stem from the bottom and goes to the top. Other leaders were the Head of Accounting and head of the trainee programme for article clerks.



The student delegates were tasked with dealing with a credit application and they had to present it to the credit board as a practical assignment. This enabled them to attain first-hand experience in the day-to-day activities of a person known as a dealmaker in banking. This was no easy task! It entailed a quantitative and qualitative analysis, which included: deciding on a loan amount for their client, stipulating a loan structure, deciding on payment terms, determining collateral needed, applying industry knowledge, supplying a justifiable reason for all their decisions and being able to answer questions from the credit panel. It required long hours of work, and confidence to present. It is an activity that caused stress, but is also one which will not be easily forgotten and from which valuable lessons were obtained.

An important point that was continuously outlined to the students was that their three years of articles will be what they make of it. Opportunities should not be taken for granted; they should rather seek it and always go beyond what is required. This will show that they exhibit what is required of a well-rounded CA who is enthusiastic to do his/her work and driven for success and significance.



From left to right: Nicole Radloff, Michellene Williams and Farren September

Michellene had the following to say: “I believe this week has been an amazing experience, especially after an intense academic examination period. I thoroughly enjoyed engaging with the business leaders and I always attempted to gain as much knowledge as possible. I also enjoyed meeting new aspiring CA’s like myself, as great friendships are often made. Being told by the CA Programme recruiter that I should seriously consider a career in banking as she believes I fit within their environment, meant a great deal to me. I would certainly encourage all students to apply for the FirstRand winter school as well as other company programmes. Gain as much experience as possible! Use your opportunities, as these are your passport to a great career and future. The contacts you build will be very useful.”

## July 2012: Thuthuka students take charge at Northern Cape SAICA/Thuthuka Maths Development camp

*This article was written by Sharné Damons (honour student)*

Alvern Malgas (first year Thuthuka student) and I served as group leaders at the Northern Cape SAICA/Thuthuka camp. This camp was amazing and words fail to describe this experience. It was a challenging task, due to the fact that it was the first camp since 2009. However, the leaders had the willingness to learn and took direction very well, ultimately making the camp a huge success.



One of the Group leaders, Thumelo Mongale (2nd year student, University of Free State), said: “The organization of the SAICA staff and fellow camp leaders made our duties a tremendous pleasure to do. Their support and ways of teaching us how to handle certain situations made my camping experience much easier and taught me a lot about leadership.”

My experience of the Northern Cape camp lead me to realize that these learners differed in their way of thinking; and this is mostly due to the social dynamics of this province. These learners have difficult home environments and thus, they put a lot of pressure on themselves to do well in school, in order for them to get bursaries to go to tertiary institutions and ultimately get their families out of their current situations. As a result, as a defence mechanism, they had their guards up and initially demonstrated attitudes that they would rather be at home than on the camp. However, as soon as we made them comfortable to open up to us, we got to see totally different people - learners with goals, motivation to be the best that they can be as well as fun loving individuals. Their way of interacting with the leaders and each other demonstrated that they were really grateful for the opportunity to attend the camp. They left with tears in their eyes as they departed from their newly formed family, but excited to share the valuable information and lessons they learned with others in their communities. Thozama Bosman (Northern Cape High School) said: “learners should be encouraged to think beyond the borders of the Northern Cape and reach for the stars.” Bradley Ludick (Northern Cape High School) was grateful for what he learned at the camp and added: “My dream was handed to me on a silver platter. The camp taught me that being able to see is not as good as having a vision, a goal and to aspire to be the best I can be.”

At the camp you meet a lot of people, who become your lifelong friends after working together for just a short week. You become mentors and role models to others, which makes all the hard work totally worthwhile.

## June 2012: Western Cape SAICA/Thuthuka Maths Development camp

*This article was written by Sharné Damons (honour student)*

There are 34104 Chartered Accountants registered with the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) and only 6560 (19%) are black. The SAICA/Thuthuka Maths Development camps are one of the initiatives of SAICA to rectify this imbalance in the profession.



The Western Cape SAICA/Thuthuka Maths Development camp was coordinated by Betty Abrahams, a SAICA transformation project manager, and facilitated by 21 Thuthuka students from Stellenbosch University, University of the Western Cape and University of Cape Town. It was held at the Cape Academy of Mathematics, Science and Technology in Constantia from 23 – 30 June 2012.

More than 200 learners arrived anxiously, not knowing what to expect, but the icebreakers and Zumba-dancing activities quickly made them comfortable and excited for the week ahead. For some of them it was the first time they experienced taking a bath, sleeping alone in their own bed, eating healthy meals 3 times a day, engaging in a debating competition with fellow learners and even having dinner at Spur.

During the week highly qualified and experienced educators presented Mathematics and Accounting classes and the learners were tested on the work covered during the week. The learners also got the opportunity to meet and engage with top auditing firms, universities, the South African Reserve Bank and other influential people in the industry. The learners were motivated and encouraged to find their purpose in life, to be pro-active and to take responsibility for their own future, despite their current circumstances. At the end of the week an entertaining awards ceremony was held for the learners and it was presented by Freedom Hadebe (better known as Mandla from 7de Laan). At the awards ceremony the top and most participative learners were acknowledged and received awards.

Vernleigh Moodley, a learner who attended the camp, provided the following feedback: “After the career expo I had no doubt in my mind that I am going to pursue a career in accounting”. Another learner, Ikhona Mkrweqana, felt that the camp changed his whole attitude towards accounting and added that: “it made me realize how interesting it is. I would sacrifice my breaks and sleeping time to practice accounting”. Lauren Snell summarised her camp experience as “motivational, opportunistic, inspirational, amazing and FUN!!!!”

For the camp leaders it was a great opportunity to network, meet like-minded people, broaden their horizons, motivate and open young minds to the endless career opportunities Chartered Accountants have. Some of the challenges and learning opportunities that the group leaders had to face included; working with a diverse group of learners with different personalities, performing duties under pressure, building relationships with the learners and striving on limited sleep. Some of the skills the leaders learnt were effective time management, planning, delegating of duties, proper communication, thinking on their feet and so much more. The leaders also organized a fashion show, where they too participated, to create a fun camp activity that everybody enjoyed.

One of the group leaders, Grant Gelderbloem (a 3rd year BAcc student at Stellenbosch University) stated the following: “I had certain expectations of the camp, but all I really wanted was to make the camp as inspiring to the learners as possible.” This seemed to be the case. A learner, Masamneke Matshayana, had the following feedback on the group leaders: “our leaders were inspiring as they were young, succeeding, and fun to be around. They enforced strict following of the program, yet they made sure that we enjoyed the camp. In any available time that they had, they also made an



effort to find out who we are and what we want to become in future.”

The camp was an amazing platform for learners to learn, be inspired, create expectations about university life, help to make the difficult decision regarding their career path and become more informed about SAICA and the Thuthuka Bursary Fund. They came as learners with dreams and they left as learners with goals. They also had the opportunity to meet a lot of friends who want to see each other succeed and be the best they can be. Even though the group leaders offered their time and expertise on a voluntary basis, they too left with a sense of accomplishment in adding value to someone’s life.



## March 2012: Stellenbosch Thuthuka Students goes “MADD”

*This article was written by Michellene Williams (Thuthuka chairperson).*

<p>25 000 participants</p>	<p>From left to right: Michellene Williams (Thuthuka chairperson), Tara (Red Cross Childrens Hospital Trust) Grant Gelderblom (Organising Thuthuka member), Carla (Red Cross Childrens Hospital Trust) and Janice Farmer (Organising Thuthuka member)</p>	<p>From left to right: Sharne Damons and Jessica Groenewald who took part in the walk.</p>

On Sunday, 4 March 2012, 100 Stellenbosch Thuthuka students, a bursary group of The South African Institute of Chartered Accountants and a registered society at Stellenbosch University embarked upon their annual community service under the umbrella of “Making A Decision to Make

A Difference'. This expression encompasses what the students intended to achieve and plants the seeds for all projects going forward.

The event was in conjunction with The Children's Hospital Trust, the Fundraising Arm of the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital, who assists the Hospital to upgrade and maintain its buildings and equipment and to develop its professional staff. All funds raised were in aid of the Red Cross children's Hospital medical Ward B, which is a Medical Ward treating general medical patients, patients with infectious diseases and chronic illnesses. Patients have illnesses such as Dehydration, Pneumonia, Meningitis, Tuberculosis, Retroviral, Cardiac, Anaemia and UTI's. This is one of the last two wards in the Hospital that needs to be upgraded.

The Thuthuka students, all wearing red Thuthuka t-shirts, were responsible for the first water station in the Sunshine D Polar Ice-Cream 10km Big walk, the third biggest outdoor activity event in Cape Town that took place on the Sea-Point Pavilion. Part of the activities was to distribute water to all walkers as they passed the station, cheering the walkers on which was pleasant to watch and experience as the students sparked laughter and enthusiasm among many participants of the race. On occasion, the students also entertained little children passing by with parents and were able to bring a few smiles to the little ones as well. On several occasions the students were also drenched with water by the walkers. Two BAcc Honours students, Sharne Damons and Jessica Groenewald were also participants in the big walk, hence Thuthuka represented in all spheres of the event.

Michellene Williams, the Chairperson of the Stellenbosch Thuthuka society and a Honours BAcc student said, "We were honoured to have been a part of this great annual event. Children are our future, and future CAs(SA). As SAICA, through their wish of inspiring success and future CAs, we wish to plant the seeds of making a difference, hence our decision to participate on Sunday. As future CAs(SA), we strive not only to have a life of success, but our wish is that one lives a life of significance. Even if the influence of kindness and this decision is not seen with immediate effect, the seeds have been planted, the active decision made and from that a wonderful difference will be ignited and through our continuous effort it will have a lasting impact."

With this, may it serve to each student at Stellenbosch University to go MAD- make a decision and make the difference you wish to see in the world.



100 volunteers

## October 2011: Breast Cancer Awareness

*This article was written by Michellene Williams (Thuthuka chairperson).*

With the recent international breast cancer awareness program held during the month of October, Stellenbosch Thuthuka pledged its unwavering support of this worthy cause. Stellenbosch Thuthuka students showed up proudly in their white or pink T-shirts with their pink ribbons, which they wore for the duration of breast awareness month. The pledge to try to make others aware of breast cancer.

This project has certainly attracted the attention of many, as people whether at home or at campus, who were not aware of it, would regularly ask why the students were wearing pink ribbons. This afforded the students another opportunity to inform others. Research showed that Breast cancer is internationally recognized as one of the growing illnesses to affect not only women but also men have been diagnosed with it as well. It not only infects the victims but affects their friends and family as well. Some Thuthuka students could certainly relate as they had close family members who either has had or is suffering from cancer.

From the above actions, it is evident, that to make a change you need to be that change. To make a difference, big actions are not always a necessity, but a series of small actions with a lasting impact.



(From left back row: Natalya van Rooy, Farren September, Amile Johnson, Janice farmer, Nicole Radloff, Grant Gelderbloem, Rodriquez Robertson. Front from left: Nina De Bruin, Franwill Maneville, Michellene Williams, and Angus Human



## September 2011: Stellenbosch Thuthuka supports SAICA's Orb Ball Event

*This article was written by Nicole Radloff (Thuthuka group leader).*

The SAICA Orb Ball Challenge recently visited Stellenbosch University and provided a wonderful opportunity for interaction between the brand and students while also giving us the chance to have some fun. Stellenbosch Thuthuka definitely showed up loud and proud, kitted out in Thuthuka gear and supporting our fellow Thuthukans.



By simple definition an orb ball is basically a huge plastic ball with space inside for one person to either roll around in, tumble over while trying to make it through an obstacle course or for the more experienced participants to run in while actually completing the course. For the brave who actually accepted the challenge there were lots of support from the sidelines as Thuthukans not participating showed up to cheer and provide some spirit for the day. Team Thuthuka were in it to win it as Rodriguez Robertson completed a quick time in the early on and we thought that we were sure to win but unfortunately another student did it faster! This did not deter Thuthukans as one by one they stepped up to take the challenge determined to beat the frontrunner.

The event definitely got to drawing more and more attention as passersby stopped to see what the hype was all about. A few lecturers even came over and with a bit of persuasion by Thuthukans they too took up the challenge and I must admit that they were in fact worthy opponents. Mr Johann Du Plooy showed that auditing lecturers are not boring people and that auditing lecturers can take up any challenge. At times when Thuthukans hit the first obstacle it seemed that they would just not make it through but perseverance helped them to succeed. This is one lesson that many of us learned and it showed that picking yourself up and trying harder in order to prevail is worth the effort. Many that took part including supporters agree that it was an exhilarating activity and entertaining to watch. It surely amounted to a huge adrenalin rush and got those hearts pumping.

At the end of the day there were three winners, so here is congratulations to:

Heyno Kraft                      - Overall Winner (R1000)

Johann Du Plooy                - Overall Winner in the lecturer category (R500)

Rodrigues Robertson        - Overall Winner in the Thuthuka category (R500)

The main objective of the event was to showcase the CA (SA) brand as one that will enable you to overcome obstacles in life. The Orb Ball itself represents the CA (SA) brand and the obstacle course represents the challenges that may arise in life but that you can overcome with the CA (SA) designation. This challenge definitely met the objective and though it is probably not for everyone such as claustrophobics, I think that most people would agree that it was an interesting way of showcasing SAICA.

## August 2011: Thuthuka student mingles with the movers and shakers of the Corporate World

Michellene Williams, a third year BAccounting Thuthuka student was the only student from Stellenbosch University to be selected to attend the annual Student Leadership Summit. The purpose of the summit was to create an opportunity for young business leaders to network with the high profile movers and shakers of the corporate world.

It all started with writing an essay of 1000 words on one of three topics. Her essay was entitled *“Your brother is uncertain regarding his future and is considering opting for Maths literacy instead of Maths.”*

From a wide number of entries, twenty-five students from across South Africa were selected to attend the summit. The event was held at the FNB Conference and Learning Centre in Johannesburg on 12 – 14 August 2011

Among the business leaders in attendance was Chantyl Mulder a SAICA Senior Executive: for Professional Development, and Transformation and Growth, Terence Nombembe the Auditor General of South Africa. Others in attendance include Graham Terry who is the Head of the CEO office for SAICA, The Managing director and co-founder of Softline Pastel, Mr Steven Cohen, the chairperson of the SAICA board Helen Thrush and many more attendees highly regarded in their respective fields of work.

The main purpose of the summit is to emphasise the flexibility, potential and status of the South African chartered accountancy qualification, thereby inspiring the students to persevere with their studies and to complete their official training requirement. The summit also creates a platform for students to network with each other and other business leaders. SAICA sponsored the summit because they want to create future business leaders. Communication and the ability to write is a critical skill.

Michellene commented, *“Even though I did not win the competition, it provided an invaluable opportunity to engage, network with wonderful leaders of our time who are committed and enthusiastic about the CA-profession. Their enthusiasm is contagious, my fellow students I interacted with were of a high calibre with whom professional and personal engagement is a privilege and intellectually stimulating as is with the business leaders. I will always be grateful for the opportunity and treasure it.”*

Michellene was one of four students who concluded the prestigious event with a thank you speech and address. In her address, she thanked SAICA and wrapped up the thank you speech with the following words: *“from the student delegates and to the student delegates: three expressions with which we would like to leave you: ‘if it was not hard everyone would do it. It is the hard that makes it great’ by Tom Hanks and this encompasses the road to qualifying as a CA. Yes, it will be hard and*

*most things in life is, but remember these words as in the end it's always worth the diligent effort in pursuit of your realistic goals. As our following expression follows 'they think they can because they can' let us not only think but KNOW we can as the leaders here today and SAICA has shown faith and belief in us knowing we can do it."*

## August 2011: Thuthuka's got talent

Ismail Gouws, a Thuthuka third year student, took part in Maties Talent held part of Matie Week. Ismail and his dance partner Nomsa Phiri (Nerina residence) reached the top 11 in the finals. During a spectacular dance routine in the final, they were awarded second place behind, LUMA Musiek.

Matie Week is aimed at bringing all Maties together for an entertaining week of camaraderie. Other events part of Matie Week include Wyrpoe op Rooiplein, Matie lunch and many other student activities.



## Julie 2011: SAICA/Thuthuka Maths Development

Thuthuka studente van die Universiteit van Stellenbosch, saam met ander Thuthuka studente van ander geakrediteerde universiteite het gedurende die week van 2 - 8 Julie 2011 as kampeiers by die SAICA/Thuthuka Maths Development kamp gedien.

Die kamp word alreeds vir die afgelope 7 jaar by die Cape Academy of Maths, Science and Technology vir Graad 12 leerders, van verskillende skole in die Wes-Kaap, aangebied. Die leerders word blootgestel aan die CA(SA) professie, doen hersiening van Wiskunde en Rekeningkunde, neem deel aan lewensvaardigheidswerkswinkels en talle ander prettige aktiwiteite.

Die kampeiers, onder die leiding van Betty Abrahams (SAICA Transformasie bestuurder), was verantwoordelik vir die dag-tot-dag fasilitering van die kamp, motivering van die leerders, deel van inligting oor die CA(SA) professie en universiteits-omgewing. Die kampeiers en leerders het aan



verskeie opwindende aktiwiteite deelgeneem, onder andere Zumba dans en 'n ete by Spur. Ons het ook die geleentheid gekry om invloedryke besigheids- en vermaaklikheidspersone te ontmoet. Een van hierdie persone is 'n plaaslike opkomende RnB stêr, Mario Ogle, wat by die afsluitingsfunksie opgetree het.

*“Dit is 'n asemrowende ervaring. Ek het geleer hoe om effektief in 'n groepsverband te werk en my leierskap eienskappe te slyp.”* – Sharnè Damons (Kamptreier en Stellenbosch thuthuka groeptreier). Die kamptreiers het deur middel van hul eie ervarings en suksesse die leerders en mekaar gemotiveer om uit te styg bo hul omstandighede.

*“Ek wens ek kon die kamp verander in my ‘elke dag skool’, ek het nooit geweet dit kan soveel prêr wees om te leer nie.”* Dit was die woorde van een van die leerders.

Die kamptreiers en leerders het ontsnap uit hul gewone roetine vir 'n week vol prêr en plesierige leer ervaringe.



## June 2011: Students take control of their program

At the beginning of 2011, control of the Stellenbosch Thuthuka program was handed over to the Thuthuka group leaders. They were made responsible for running the program and holding various initiatives and events.

These stories are written by the students in their own unedited words.

## Community service project

*Written by Michellene Williams (Third year student)*

*“Blessed are those that give without remembering and take without forgetting”* This is the expression that sparked enthusiasm and involvement among Stellenbosch Thuthuka students to give their best towards their collective community service project, with their corporate sponsors KPMG and Media24.

In 2010, Stellenbosch Thuthuka approached KPMG Cape town to collaborate on a community service project as part of the Stellenbosch Thuthuka students’ collective group project for the year of 2011. Thereafter, an intense search began to find a worthy cause on which to spend time and money for which a great benefit holds as well as to make a difference in the lives of disadvantaged individuals. This was also a means to foster a better relationship and expand communication links with one of Thuthuka’s sponsors and to improve firm interaction.

KPMG advised us on certain requirements on which they will base their selection of a project which were the following:

- R10000 is available to execute any plans
- A community or greater part thereof must benefit and not an individual
- They must be able to utilize their staff members

Side by side, Michellene Williams one of the student leaders responsible for the portfolio of Community service and Firm interaction, together with Mr Riaan Rudman, Project manager of Stellenbosch Thuthuka, narrowed down and ranked all the projects ready for KPMG’s approval. Various projects were considered. Eventually KPMG selected West Coast Winners Play School in Atlantis, in the area of Klein Dassenberg. This is a disadvantaged area, in which children get no physical or mental stimulation, are often times hungry. Job opportunities and transport facilities and money for transport are scarce.

Later Media24 came on board as a corporate sponsor providing R10 000 worth of educational books and toys. As the financial need to the project was great, KPMG contributed a further R5 000 and the Stellenbosch Thuthuka raised a further R10 000, making the total contribution R35 000.

Through intense planning, preparation and continuous communication between the various parties, the small wendy house was thoroughly renovated on 31 March and 1 April 2011 by the students, KPMG and Media24 CSI staff members. The Thuthuka students went back a week later to finish some outstanding work.

The following was done to improve the structure substantially: a fence surrounding the wendy house was erected, the roofs and wall were insulated, and a jungle gym erected to provide physical stimulation, a lawn was laid. New educational books and toys were provided as well as tables and chairs to furnish the place, the structure was lifted to balance it and finally on the last day it was painted.

As co-coordinator of the project and communication link between the parties involved, Michellene Williams (3rd year student) said that from this project valuable lessons could be derived. *“The project has taught me, as a student leader, the importance of delegation as all tasks cannot be completed by you, the leader as projects involve an immense amount of planning, administrative issues and executions of all plans. Communication is a key component to ensure that all the relevant parties are well informed, that correct information is transferred as well as that leadership and time management is crucial as too quickly it becomes hectic to*

*juggle academics, work and extra-curricular activities. Things do not also automatically happen as students often think but it takes time and patience, therefore I respect our project manager Mr Riaan Rudman and Mrs Links."*

One of the students that participated in the event, Cameron Heynes gave his thoughts regarding this big event. *"Dit was die eerste keer dat ons as Thuthuka student so 'n nou interaksie met 'n firma gehad het wat my 'n bietjie vreesbevange gehad het omdat ons nie eintlik weet nie wat 'n dag met CA's of die media sou behels nie. Die hele ervaring was baie aangenaam en nuwe vriendskappe is gebou bo en behalwe die project."*

It is evident that being able to make a small difference is sufficient, as it does not take big events to change the world but merely a series of small actions made with the right heart's condition. Should the difference or effect be big or impact more lives, it is a bonus.

**This joint project was co-sponsored by professional services firm: KPMG.**





## Social function: Sports day

Written by Edwin Louw (Honours student)

*"Sport brings people together with the thrill of victory, the agony of defeat, the light of reflected glory and the humanity of a shared experience"*. Geen ander aanhaling gevind op een of ander blog beskryf die doel rondom die Thuthuka Sportdag 2011 beter nie. Daar is aan die begin van die jaar besluit dat 'n sportdag vir alle lede van Thuthuka Stellenbosch sal plaasvind. Dit sou die eerste van sy soort wees. Die sportdag sou dan ook die begin van die *"social calendar"* vir die groep wees.

As with all events, planning is very important. This was delegated to the group leaders responsible for social functions. Together with Mr Riaan Rudman they worked vigorously to ensure that everything would be spot on come the Sports day. It was decided that the sports day would have two competitions:

- a potjiekos competition and
- a Touchies-event.

The members of Thuthuka would be divided into four groups according to their year of study. This was surely going to spark some rivalry, which is always fun to watch.

Die Sportdag van 18 Februarie 2011 het aangebreek en met groot opgewondenheid het almal by die veld opgedaag. Elke span het 'n kenmerkende kleur gehad. Aangesien die eerstejaars se kleur wit was moes jy wonder of dit beteken dat hulle alreeds toe surrender. Nietemin was elke span slag gereed vir die sportdag.

The first event was to be the Touchies. This event was highly competitive and teams consisted of boys and girls. Those not playing cheered on their respective teams, hoping that it would have the desired effect on their players. While the teams were battling it out on the field, some members of their teams were starting with the Potjiekos. With the potjiekos competition it became clear that some people had never made a fire before. Many of the teams struggled to get their fires going. One team even withdrew from the competition because of this. Nonetheless 3 pots were finished and the best team won the Touchies.

The Honors students won the potjiekos competition as well as the Touchies event. Some say it's because three out of the five judges were Honours students. I say, there's no match for experience!



## Social function: Games evening



*Written by Amile Johnson (Second year student)*

On the 16th of April students of Stellenbosch University were waiting apprehensively in front of the Faculty of Theology. As people passed by, curiosity got the better of them as they stopped, perplexed, their eyes fixated on the well dressed young men and women. Their faces said it all, “What are they up to?” One thing was for sure, not even Hollywood had anything on these students, they were outshining the stars.

These students was all part of ... *Thuthuka*.

Daar was besluit om ‘n games aand te reel. Dit was ook die ideale geleentheid vir die senior studente om die eerstejaars beter te leer ken en wys dat studentelewe nie net gaan oor akademie nie, maar ‘n balans tussen die twee.

The casino-like environment had an aesthetically pleasing effect on everyone. Furthermore, there were students who organised the food and set it out nicely for everyone to enjoy. The music and the dance floor were on fire when the “dancing shoes” came on. The following games were played: Domino’s, Cards, 30 seconds, Twister and Poker. There was also karaoke which was a lot of entertainment to everyone.

I have asked two Thuthukans how they had experienced the evening and both said that it was well-organised and everyone had fun by taking part in the games they like.

Craig Daniels, eerstejaar Thuthuka student: “*Die speletjies-aand was suksesvol en was ‘n gulde geleentheid om die seniors beter te leer ken en te ‘bond.’ Dit was goed beplan en genoeg vermaak vir almal. Baie dankie!*”

The games evening committee learnt that if an event is organised properly, it can be a huge success and if we enquire as to what the whole Thuthuka group would be interested in, everyone can enjoy and partake in the social. Hard work and dedication is also something one would have to possess when organising something like a games evening.

In conclusion I would say that the evening was a very fun-filled evening that everyone enjoyed. Students had the opportunity to socialise, while enjoying various games, as well as poker. I would

say the success of the evening arose from everyone partaking in the evening and the fact that there was something for everyone to enjoy.



November 2010: Mooiste mooies dan gekroon



Charmlyn Carelse (20) van Kuilsrivier het ingeskryf vir die Rapport se modelkompetisie vir 2011. Sy is gekies as die tweede kandidaat vir Mej. Februarie 2011. Elke maand word twee mans en dames gekies om in lyn te wees om aan die einde van die jaar te staan as Rapport se Topmodel vir 2011.



## Oktober 2010: Thuthuka studente fokus op geletterdheid

Die Thuthuka studente is betrokke by individuele projekte en is werksaam onder andere by skole en kerke en dien as kampeiers.

Die studente het weer, soos in die verlede, vennootskappe aangeknoop met ander bestaande gemeenskapsinteraksie projekte waar hulle betrokke geraak het by skool inisiatiewe. Van die studente het skole besoeke om motiveringspraatjies te hou en leerders in te lig oor beroepskeuses. Hulle was onlang by Scotsville Sekondêre Skool. Ander tree op as tutors en onderwyser-assistente by ekstra wiskunde- en rekeningkundeklasse wat op Saterdagoggende vir skoliere in die Kaapstad Metropool aangebied word.



Celeste Cloete (Links) en Sharne Damons (Regs) ontlok groot reaksie en belangstelling in die rekeningkundige professie by Scotsville Sekondêre Skool.

Die studente het ook boeke ingesamel as deel van XL-magazine (XL-Mag) se 'Books without Borders' projek en in die besonder vir Raithby Primêre Skool in Somerset Wes. Die projek se doel is om boeke in te samel vir skole landwyd om lees onder leerders te bevorder. As deel van die projek het die studente in samewerking met XL-Mag gehelp om 'n biblioteek by Raithby Primêre Skool in te rig. As 'n deurlopende projek sal die studente ook die skool met leesdae help.



Die Thuthuka studente spandeer tyd saam met die leerders van Raithby Primêre Skool, vir wie hulle boeke ingesamel het.

## September 2010: Departement Rekeningkunde erken uitmuntendheid

Op 28 September 2010 is die Departement Rekeningkunde se jaarlikse prysuitdeling in Die Stal gehou.

Onder die studente wat vereër is vir hulle akademiese prestasies, was die top Thuthuka studente. Die prys is oorhandig deur mnr Nasiegh Hamdulay wat die Thuthuka Beursfonds en die borg van die prys verteenwoordig he



Van links na regs: me C Mhlom, mnr D van den berg, me L-A Abrahams, mnr N Hamdulay (SAICA), Me M Williams en me C Carlse.

## Junie 2010: Thuthuka student wys sy leierskap potensiaal

Ismael Gouws, 'n tweedejaar BRek Thuthuka student het homself in die 2010 FIFA Sokkerwêreldbeker ingeleef. Hy was die groepleier vir die Dagbreek, Diski-dansspan. Hulle het R10 000 vir hul koshuis, Dagbreek gewen. 'n Ander Thuthuka student, Angus Human was ook deel van die dansgroep.

## Augustus 2010: Baie veranderinge in 2010

Die Thuthuka program word die afgelope vier jaar by Universiteit Stellenbosch aangebied en het aansienlik gegroei en ontwikkel. Departement Rekeningkunde het einde 2009 sy eerste groep van 12 Thuthuka gegradueerdes gelewer.

Met die aflewering van ons eerste groep studente, het Departement Rekeningkunde ons eerste siklus voltooi en vroeër vanjaar is die Stellenbosch Thuthuka program se prosesse en vordering herevaluateer om sodoende toepaslik en relevant te bly. Die program is gedokumenteer en hersien ten einde 'n aksieplan vir die toekoms daar te stel. Hierdie aksieplan het die waardes van Toewyding en Verantwoordelikheid as basis. Die uitgangspunt is dat Thuthuka studente verantwoordelikheid aanvaar vir hul eie einddoel en toekoms en toegewyd moet bly aan beide die verkryging van hul einddoel sowel as aan die Thuthuka program. Die sukses van die Thuthuka program lê ten volle by die Thuthuka studente. Derhalwe het die studente meer verantwoordelikhede gekry in die uitvoering van die program.

Die Thuthuka studente het gedurende die jaar 'n spanbounaweek gehou waar hulle besluit het op die doelwit en waardes van die Stellenbosch Thuthuka program. Hulle het ook 'n Stellenbosch Thuthuka groepsidentiteit en 'n gepaardgaande wapen ontwikkel.



Thuthuka student by die gradeplegtigheidsfunksie

Waar die grootste deel van die bestuur, administrasie en implementering van die program in die verlede deur die projekspan behartig is, word 'n deel van die implementeringsverantwoordelikhede vanaf 2011 na die studente toe gedelegeer. Ses senior Thuthuka studente is aangewys as leiers wie se hoof funksie sal wees om die groep te motiveer en die Thuthuka groepsidentiteit te behou en uit te bou. Hulle verantwoordelikhede is in drie portefeuljes verdeel nl.:

- Spanbou: reël van klein sosiale funksies asook sportaktiwiteite gedurende die jaar met die doel om 'n eenheidsgevoel te bou;
- Mentorskap: koördinerende van vakmentors en reël van vakterugvoer en eksamentegniekssessies; en
- Gemeenskaps- en professionele interaksie: interaksie en skakeling met die rekeningkundige beroep en implementering van gemeenskapsinteraksie inisiatiewe.

Die Gemeenskaps en professionele interaksie portefeulje is reeds met die aanvang van die tweede semester vanjaar as 'n toetslopie implementeer en Sharné Damons, 'n finalejaarstudent, het verantwoordelikheid vir die gemeenskapsdiensprogram geneem.

Die studente is betrokke by individuele projekte en is werksaam onder andere by skole en kerke en dien as kampeiers by die Thuthuka Ontwikkelingskamp. Die studente het weer, soos in die verlede, geld ingesamel ten einde 'n skenking te maak aan Funda Fundisa, 'n wiskundige en rekeningkundige ontwikkelingsprojek. Die studente het ook vennootskappe aangeknoop met ander bestaande gemeenskapsinteraksie projekte waar hulle betrokke geraak het by skool inisiatiewe. Van die studente het skole besoek om motiveringspraatjies te hou en leerders in te lig oor beroepskeuses. Ander tree op as tutors en onderwyser-assistente by ekstra wiskunde- en rekeningkunde klasse wat op Saterdagoggende vir skoliere in die Kaapstad Metropol gebied word.

Die studente het ook boeke ingesamel as deel van XL-magazine (XL-Mag) se 'Books without Borders' projek en in die besonder vir Raithby Primêre Skool buite Stellenbosch. Die projek se doel is om boeke in te samel vir skole landwyd om lees onder leerders te bevorder. As deel van die projek het die studente in samewerking met XL-Mag gehelp om 'n biblioteek by Raithby Primêre Skool in te rig. As 'n deurlopende projek sal die studente ook die skool met leesdae help.

Die studente het ook saamgespan om energie-doeltreffende gloeilampe in te samel as deel van 'n projek van die Trainee Accountants Society of the Western Cape. Die doel van hierdie projek is om energie-doeltreffende gloeilampe aan arm gemeenskappe te versprei.

2010 bied die geleentheid om 'n beter toekoms te bou, nie net vir die Thuthuka program nie, maar ook vir die gemeenskappe wat deur die Thuthuka studente geraak word.



Thuthuka student by die spanbou naweek

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## July 2009: Western Cape DST / Thuthuka Maths and Science Development camp

TheDST/Thuthuka Maths and Science Development camp was held from 28 June to 5 July at the Cape Academy for Maths, Science & Technology in Constantia. This camp was one of many camps around South Africa. The South African Institute of Chartered Accountants and the Department of Science and Technology gathered 198 top grade 12 learners from various schools in the Western Cape to contribute to development and learning and to enhance the learners chances for success in future years.

On arrival of the learners it seemed, the learners did not know what to expect. Many of the other learners rekindled old friendships, with friends they met while attending the 2008 camp. They knew what to expect. The camp was aimed at giving the learners the foundation that they need to prepare them for their examination and more importantly, taking them a step closer to reaching their



aspiring goals of being one of the few learners in South Africa able to attend university, thereby utilising their talents. In her welcoming address, Ms Betty Abrahams (SAICA: Transformation manager) said, *“The purpose of the camp is not only to assure academic excellence, but looks at development and transformation of young minds from a holistic perspective. As a selected learner, it is YOUR time to exhaust this opportunity, as most others only hope to be where you are”*.

The learners were welcomed by the very enthusiastic camp leaders. The camp was managed by 20 university students from various universities across South Africa, working together to inspire these learners to reach for their goals and dreams and also pursue a tertiary education at university. The camp leaders were responsible for managing, planning and co-ordinating all the daily activities. Their most important role was to be role models to the learners, sharing their experiences, knowledge of tertiary education and providing learners with information on different courses they attend. Lazola Maliti, who is in his 2nd year of BAcc at Stellenbosch University, forewarned the learners about the everyday challenges he faces as a BAcc student. He also emphasized the importance of having a social life as *“all work, no play once made Jack the dull boy”*.

As in prior years the camp was packed with fun yet important development and learning activities, which challenged the learners physically and mentally.

- During the week the learners expanded their Maths, Science and Accounting abilities with lectures, tests and practical experiments.
- Various personal development and life skills speakers gave them guidance on their purpose in life, having better study and exam techniques and communicating assertively.
- The students saw the world from another perspective by being introduced to the Science World.
- The learners took part in various teambuilding activities, played various games and theatre sports and improvisation during the week, which culminated in talent show evening when the students showcased their talents that left the judges with difficult decisions to make.
- The last day of the camp was concluded by a career fair and awards ceremony with Freedom Hadebe (7de laan actor) as the Master of Ceremony, to reward the learners with their achievements.

The camp had a good balance between fun and education, each activity was fun and yet the learners gained something from every activity. Throughout the camp, student's learned more about goals, purposes and motivations as important qualities that one needs to succeed in life. The camp emphasised the importance of students knowing their purpose in life and striving towards it. Maseka Dlamini, a learner from Hector Petersen High School said *“For the very first time in my life, I feel as though I not only have the potential, but the will to excel in everything I do. I now understand that, in this world success will not be handed down to me, I must work towards it”*.

The last day of the camp was filled with tears and laughter, and as the learners made their way to their respective destinations, the camp leaders knew that these learners would without a doubt, be tomorrow's leaders. The camp created memories for everyone and life-long friendships were formed. Amanda Mpabanga a leader currently busy with her 2nd year in Bcom (Marketing) at NMMU (Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University) stated that *“It's so sad to see them go home. It is unbelievable that such strong bonds can be built over a period of one week. Looking at it more positively she added: “at least now we know that we made a difference and touched so many lives”*.

## August 2009: Spanbou

'n Groot deel van die Thuthuka program is spanbou en lewensvaardighede. Die Thuthuka-studente het deelgeneem aan 'n spanboudag wat gehou is deur Playingmantis. Playingmantis gebruik "improvisation" en teatersport om beginsels en lewensvaardighede op 'n unieke manier aan die studente oor te dra.



Sportdag geborg deur: Playingmantis



## September 2009: Departement Rekeningkunde erken uitmuntendheid

Op 17 September 2009 is die Departement Rekeningkunde se jaarlikse prysuitdeling in Die Stal gehou.

Onder die studente wat vereer is vir hulle akademiese prestasies, was die vier top Thuthuka studente.

Die prys is oorhandig deur me Betty Abrahams en mnr Ernest Carelse wat die Thuthuka Beursfonds en die borg van die prys verteenwoordig het.



## September 2009: Thuthuka students doing something physical

*The following article was written by Raelene Adams, a second year Thuthuka student and the principle co-ordinator of the Stellenbosch Thuthuka community service project for 2009.*



Some of the Thuthuka students with Mrs Goldman (Sonstaaal Crèche principal)



Celeste Cloete (Thuthuka third year student) and two pre-schoolers

Thuthuka students from all year groups took time out of their rigorous BAccounting schedules to brighten the lives of some 40 pre-school children at a crèche in Jamestown. Being bursary holders from the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants and in line with the profession's social responsibility, all Thuthuka students take part in community service. It was decided that the students would hold a project in which they collected money and that the proceeds would then be used to uplift the local community.

The need for proper development and stimulation in one's formative years has been recognised by scientists and educators alike; consequently, it was decided that it would be most appropriate, that a crèche: Sonstaaal in Jamestown would be the beneficiary of their collection, where young children could be positively affected. It was decided that rather than simply donation the money collected to the crèche, that they would take the time to spend a day and play with the children.

First on the agenda, was the fund raising. Over the June/July holidays, the Thuthuka students raised money in their home towns and returned with a total of R6000. The students also secured a corporate partner, the professional services firm, PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PWC), to match the amount raised.

With a budget of R12000, ideas were workshopped and included:

- cleaning the premises;
- painting and decorating the outside walls;
- providing books, food parcels, cutlery and crockery, educational games, blankets and storage containers and much needed equipment to the crèche.

The students started planning and arranging the project. The project was managed by the second year students; however, the organising committee consisted of students from all academic year groups.

Finally, the weekend of the 18th of September arrived. The students went to Jamestown to spend the day at the crèche. Many of the children at the crèche are from the coloured Jamestown community and surrounding farms. 50 students and 40 pre-schoolers were crammed into the crèche playing games and listening to music in a very festive atmosphere. Afterwards the children were treated to lunch and boxes filled with sweets and other items.



When the children were left, the real work began. Donning latex gloves, the students set out to wash and paint the walls, redecorate the interior, clean and repack the kitchen, bathrooms and storage room and upgrade the facilities. The work was performed with an air of positivity as the facilities visibly improved.

Students arrived early and stayed late to make sure that the work would be completed before the end of the weekend.

It was all worth it; the outside walls were painted with brightly coloured pictures, the inside of the crèche was cleaned and the equipment replaced. The crèche received a complete make-over, inside and out.

The many hours spent planning and working at the crèche was well rewarded by the gratitude shown by the crèche's principal and children.



This fundraising was sponsored by professional services firm: PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

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## September 2008: Thuthuka studente gee terug en maak 'n verskil

Die Stellenbosch Thuthuka Beursprogram bestaan uit vier hoofkomponente. Die belangrikste komponent is die student self, wat verantwoordelikheid vir sy of haar toekoms moet neem en die geleentheid moet aangryp. Akademie is die tweede belangrike komponent, waarvolgens die studente deelneem aan verskeie transformasie- en gehalte-inisiatiewe van die Departement Rekeningkunde. Benewens akademiese hulpprogramme, neem die studente ook deel aan doelgerigte modules in lewens- en werkplekvaardighede.

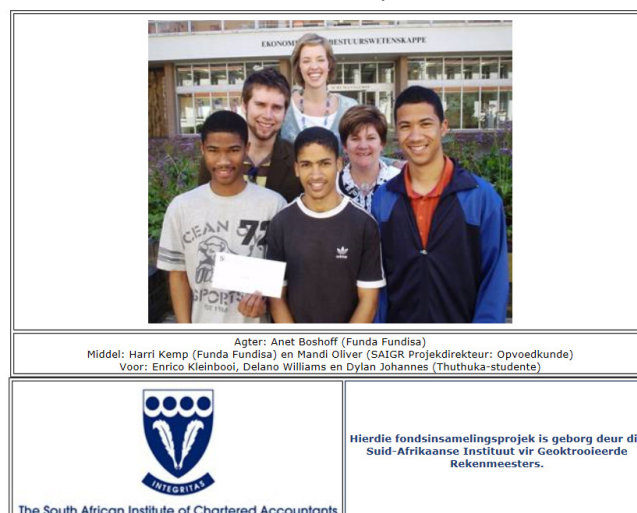
Die laaste tog belangrike komponent is Dienslewering. Die Thuthuka-studente het gedurende die jaar individueel aan verskeie gemeenskapsinteraksie-projekte deelgeneem, wat wissel van vrywillige welwillendheidswerk tot die toepassing en oordrag van hulle nuut-ontwikkelde rekeningkundige kennis in hulle tuis-gemeenskappe. Van die studente het 'n gedeelte van die Junie-vakansie opgeoffer om op te tree as groepleiers by die Departement van Wetenskap en Tegnologie/Thuthuka Wiskunde en Wetenskap Ontwikkelingskamp.

Die Thuthuka- eerste- en tweedejaarstudente het besluit om as 'n groep terug te ploeg in die Stellenbosch gemeenskap, deur geld in te samel vir Funda Fundisa (wat Teach and Learn beteken). Funda Fundisa is 'n projek wat bestuur word deur studente van die Universiteit Stellenbosch, wat addisionele tutorklasse aanbied in Wiskunde, Wetenskap, Engels, Biologie en Rekeningkunde vir Graad 10- en 11-leerders aan Kayamandi Hoërskool buite Stellenbosch. Die projek het fondse benodig vir handboeke en skryfbehoeftes. Mnr Delano Williams het gesê hulle het besluit om die fondse in te samel omdat "History was made, as for the first time, Thuthuka Stellenbosch students gave back to the community. We also proved that we are not just a 'Help Mekaar' society, but also a 'Help Ander Ook' society and we want to keep that mentality."

Die Thuthuka-studente het ten doel gehad om voor 31 Julie 2008 ten minste R2000 vir Funda Fundisa in te samel. Die studente het besluit om op die harde manier die fondse in te samel deur van deur tot deur te gaan om geld in te samel. Hulle het die Suid-Afrikaanse Instituut vir Geoktrooleerde Rekenmeesters (SAIGR) genader, as korporatiewe vennoot, om elke rand wat hulle insamel te onderskryf en te verdubbel.

Teen nege-uur op 'n reënigerige Donderdagaand (31 Julie) het die Thuthuka-studente R1 315 ingesamel. SAIGR het besluit, alhoewel die teiken nie bereik is nie, om wel die volle R2000 by te dra tot die fondsinsameling. 'n Tjek ten waarde van R3 315 is oorgehandig aan me Anet Boshoff en mnr Harri Kemp (Funda Fundisa).

Volgens me Boshoff sal die fondse aangewend word om boeke en skryfbehoeftes aan te koop. Toe Mnr Williams gevra is oor enige toekomsplanne, was sy antwoord: "Next time we will look to raise a much bigger amount as we have not at all showed the potential we have."



## August 2008: "The Audition"

In addition to being an aspirant Chartered Accountant, Raelene Adams (a 2008 Thuthuka first year student), is a multi-talented artist. Breaking the stereotypical model of a BAcc student, she writes poetry, plays saxophone and other musical instruments and actively takes part in various types of sport.

One of Raelene's poem's she wrote while at school, was recently published in the 2008 edition of the South African Council for English Education (SACEE) poetry/prose anthology 'English Alive'. The piece entitled "The Audition" looks at the emotions behind the career choice between Music and Accountancy and was one of the last essays written in her school career.

As the Thuthuka family, we are proud of this achievement and glad that she took the Accounting option!



## Julie 2008: Thuthuka-spanbou en –opleidingsnaweek



Mnr C Klein, mnr L Visagie en mnr W Alison  
(Werkswinkel-aanbieders)



Thuthuka-studente



Mnre D Williams en N Selebi (SAIGR-Thuthuka Beursfonds-  
projekbestuurder) en me M Oliver wat 'n mynveld geblinddoek  
trotseer.



Me L Visagie verduidelik die doel van die  
mynveld.

Aan die begin van die tweede kwartaal, 25 en 26 Julie het die Thuthuka-studente deelgeneem aan 'n spanbou- en opleidingsnaweek. Die tweedaeprogram is ontwikkel en bestuur deur die DST/Thuthuka Wes-Kaap kampleiers. Die kampleiers was getaak om 'n hulle vaardighede wat hulle gedurende die DST/Thuthuka-kamp aangeleer het te gebruik om:

- Terugvoering te gee oor die DST/Thuthuka-kamp aan die Thuthuka-studente wat nie die kamp kon bywoon nie;



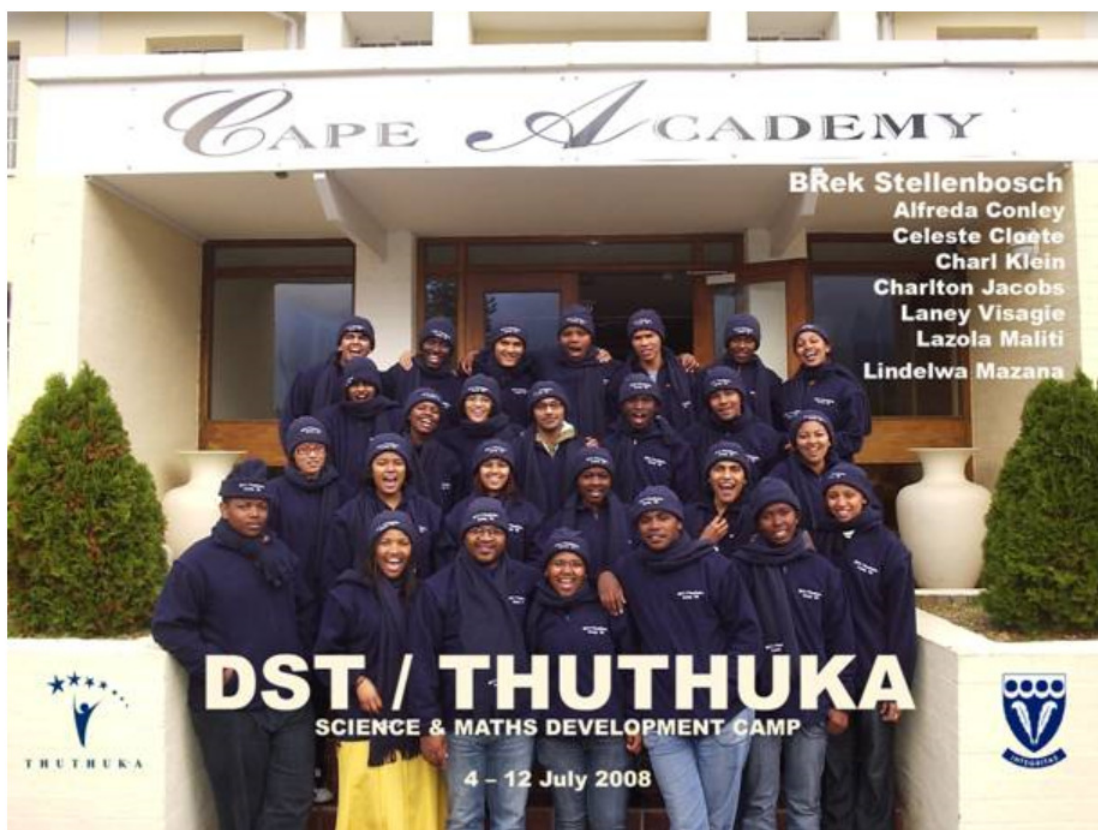
- 'n Werkswinkel gebaseer op die inhoud van die lewensvaardighede en motiveringslesings wat hulle gedurende die DST/Thuthuka-kamp bygewoon het te reël; en
- Aktiwiteite saam te stel om die groepsamehorigheid en spangees te bevorder en te verbeter. Die program is ook deur die kampeleiers aangebied.

Die Vrydag se middagsessie het gefokus op persoonlike ontwikkeling en spanbou. Die sessie het bestaan uit verskeie groepsaktiwiteite en speletjies. Die aand is afgesluit met 'n ligte ete. Die volgende oggend het mnr Fred Lucas 'n werkswinkel gehou wat gefokus het op doelgerigtheid, persoonlike ontwikkeling en persoonlike ontwikkeling in 'n groepskonteks.

## July 2008: Western Cape DST/Thuthuka Maths and Science Development camp

The following is an excerpt from an article written by the camp leaders of the Western Cape DST/Thuthuka Maths and Science Development camp.

The full article will be published in Accountancy SA.



The DST/Thuthuka Maths and Science Development camp was held from 4 to 12 July at the Cape Academy for Maths, Science & Technology in Constantia. The South African Institute of Chartered Accountants and the Department of Science and Technology gathered 191 grade 11 learners from various schools in the Western Cape to contribute to the development and learning and to enhance the learners chances for success in future.

The camp was managed by 25 university students from various universities across South Africa, amongst which was a group of Stellenbosch University students. The camp leaders were responsible for managing, planning and coordinating all the activities that took place daily.

As the year before, the camp was packed with fun yet important development and learning activities, which challenged the learners physically and mentally.

- During the week the learners expanded their Maths, Science and Accounting abilities with lectures, tests and a science poetry/song competition.
- Various personal development and life skills speakers gave them guidance on their purpose in life, having better study and exam techniques and communicating assertively.
- The students were also shown the world from another perspective, being introduced to Shark World, Actuarial Science World and a touch of Science or Magic.
- The learners visited the aquarium in the V&A Waterfront, played various games during the week, which culminated in Thursday evening when the students showcased their talents by performing in a talent show that left the judges with difficult decisions to make.
- The last day of the camp was concluded by a career fair and awards ceremony, to reward the learners for their achievements.

The camp had a good balance between fun and education, striving to ensure that each activity was fun, yet the learners gained something from the activities. Throughout the camp, students learned more about goals, purposes and motivations as important qualities one needs to succeed in life. The camp emphasised the importance of students knowing their purpose in life and striving towards it.

## Mei 2008: Departement Rekeningkunde erken uitmuntendheid

Op 15 Mei 2008 is die Departement Rekeningkunde se jaarlikse prysuitdeling in Die Stal gehou.

Onder die studente wat vereer is vir hulle akademiese prestasies, was die twee top Thuthuka studente, me Chrystell Gertse en mnr Amber De laan.

Die prys is oorhandig deur mnre Thembelani Vanqa en Ernest Carelse wat die Thuthuka Beursfonds en die borg van die prys verteenwoordig het.

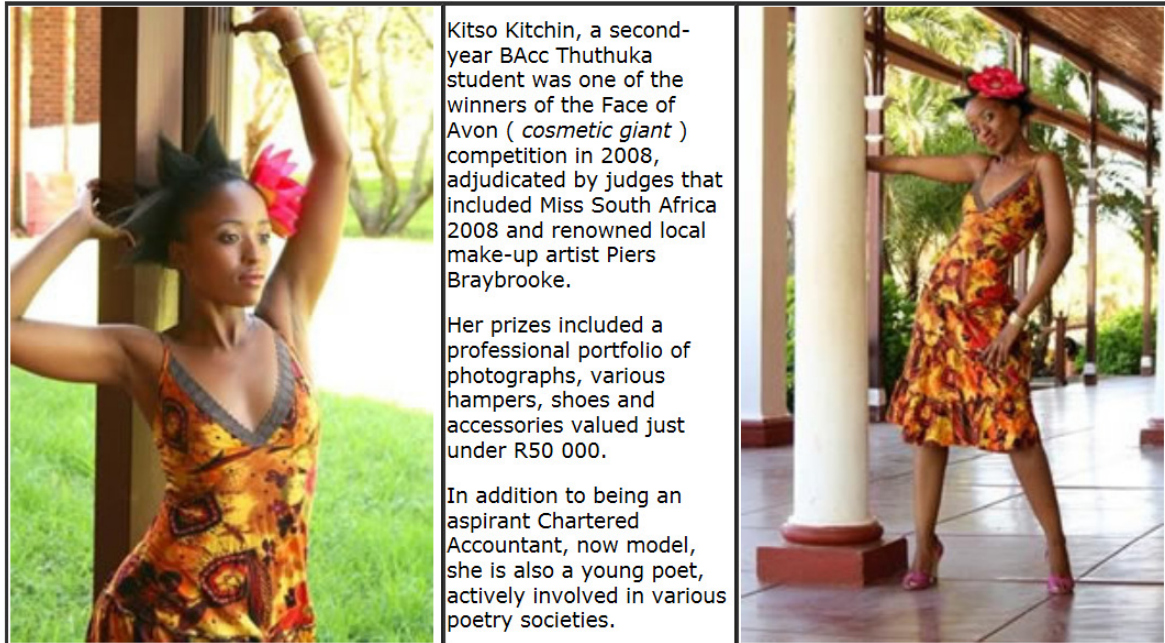


Mnr T Vanqa (SAIGR: Transformasie-bestuurder), me Z Joubert, mnr A De Laan, me C Gertse, C Cloete, mnr E Carelse (SAIGR: Transformasiekomiteevoorsitter)  
(van links na regs)





## February 2008: New representative of Avon



## Januarie 2008: Stellenbosch verwelkom nuwe Thuthuka studente in 2008

Die Thuthuka program het in 2007 'n eerste inname van 20 studente gehad. In 2008 het Stellenbosch 30 nuwe Thuthuka studente verwelkom.





Die **SAICA Thuthuka Sportdag** is op 22 September 2007, gehou by die Nelson Mandela Metropolitaanse Universiteit se Saasveld kampus in George. Die sportdag was 'n multi-sport kompetisie tussen rekeningkunde studente van vier Universiteite, naamlik:

- Universiteit van Stellenbosch,
- Universiteit van Kaapstad,
- Universiteit van Fort Hare, en
- Nelson Mandela Metropolitaanse Universiteit

Die dag is geborg deur die Suid-Afrikaanse Instituut van Geoktrooieerde Rekenmeesters en ander organisasies.

Die doel van die geleentheid is om studente die geleentheid te gee om met ander studente van verskeie Thuthuka-geborgde Universiteite te netwerk en belangrike rolspelers in die rekeningkunde professie te ontmoet. Die studente het van hul onderskeie Universiteite na George gereis om deel te neem aan sokker, netbal en 'n liedjie/"cheerleading" kompetisie.

Dertien Eerstejaar Stellenbosch Thuthuka studente het die sportdag bygewoon. Stellenbosch se studente was die jongste en kleinste span, wat beteken het dat al 13 Stellenbosch Thuthuka studente aan al die sportsoorte moes deelneem, ongeag geslag. Groter spanne van die ander universiteite kon op spesifieke sportsoorte fokus.

Die sokker en netbal is deur Fort Hare gewen. Na drie uur van sokker en netbal het die Stellenbosch mans en dames gewys wat die woord: ' **GEES** ' beteken deur die liedjie/"cheerleading" kompetisie te wen.



**Stellenbosch Thuthuka span**



**Liedjie/"cheerleading" kompetisie**



**Unati Speirs (SAICA) en Celeste Cloete (Stellenbosch kaptein)**

## Thuthuka student raak betrokke by kliensêr

Tradisie leef voort op hoë noot. Die 2007 SR Kleinsêrkompetisie was 'n reuse sukses. Die uitdunronndes het reeds op 6 Augustus in die Endler begin, en die hoë standarde van die individuele groepe was met die intrapslag reeds duidelik. Nadat die laaste koshuis op 10 Augustus opgetree het, het Hippokrates en die Metanooiens met die louere weggestap as die algehele universiteitskampioene. Hulle het US verteenwoordig by Nasionale Sêrfinaal wat op 1 September in die Bloemfontein gehou was, waar die Metanooiens as die nasionale Sêr-kampioene bekroon. Nabeelah Hendriks, een van die Thuthuka studente, het hierdie avontuur as een van die Metanooiens deur gemaak.



Die volle berug, geskryf deur Anli Le Roux is gepubliseer in Die Matie , 29 Augustus 2007, Bladsy 6 .

## June 2007: DST/ Thuthuka Maths and Science Development Camp 2007: A camp leaders experience

Some of the University of Stellenbosch Thuthuka students attended the DST /Thuthuka Maths and Science Development camp during their July holiday and this is some of their feedback, in their own words.

Chrystal Gertse  
Cleo Mhlom

The **DST / Thuthuka Maths and Science Development camp** was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> July at *The Cape Academy for Maths and Science* in Constantia. The learners arrived on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July for a week, welcomed by the very enthusiastic camp leaders. There were 179 learners, both in grade 11 and 12 with vast backgrounds. One could see, the learners didn't know what to expect, all they knew was that they were the top learners from their respective schools. What they didn't know, was that this camp was aimed at giving them the foundation that they need to prepare them for their examination and more importantly, taking them a step closer to reaching their aspiring goals of being one of the few learners in South Africa able to attend university thereby utilising their talents.

#### Normal day at the camp

The camp was managed by us, 19 University students from both the University of Stellenbosch and Cape Town. The role of the leaders, was mainly to help with the managing, planning and co-ordinating of all the activities that took place daily. Our most important role, was to be role models to the learners, sharing our experiences, knowledge of tertiary education and providing learners with information on different courses we attend. An ordinary day at the camp consisted of:

- Aerobics early in the morning;
- Accounting/Science and Mathematics classes and practicals;
- Presentations by various institutions such as HIP2B 2, SAICA were among the many;
- Games, movie night and a talent show later the week;
- A career fair and awards ceremony the Friday afternoon.



Some of the Stellenbosch camp leaders with Mr T Vanga (SAICA: Transformation manager)



Some of the camp leaders with Mr T Vanga

The camp emphasised the importance of students knowing their purpose in life. The students had a few sessions with: Mr Thando Melane (MaThaTo Foundations), whom helped the students define who they are and to set goals for themselves. Conre Jantjies, a grade 11 learner said "My future is in my hands, my home background shouldn't be the reason for me not succeeding in life."

The camp had a good balance between fun and education, striving to ensure that each activity was fun, yet the learners gained something from the activity.

#### Our memories

To quote two famous Stellenbosch first year University students and camp leaders.

Cleo Mhlom, "This camp will go down as my most memorable days, as I had so much fun. I am glad I was involved in helping to shape the lives of these learners and it's an experience I will never forget."

Nabeelah Hendrikse, "When I arrived at the camp I expected to be there, facilitate the activities, and help wherever I could. I had no idea that this camp would impact my life the way it has. It has given me a totally new perspective on life. It has helped me evolve, and encouraged me to stay positive."

We, the camp leaders, believe the students now have the fundamental start they need and have realised that **their attitude, will determine their altitude**.

## Mei 2007: Thuthuka Spanbou-oggend



Die dag is afgesluit met 'n ete in die Blou Kamer.

Die einde van 'n strawwe semester het vir die Thuthuka-studente 'n spanbougeleentheid gebied. 'n Sportdag wat uitgereën het, het ontwikkel in 'n spanbou- en groepsgeleentheid. Die studente het deelgeneem aan verskeie aktiwiteite. Hulle het begin om 'n Thuthuka -liedjie te komponeer en 'n bordspeletjie ontwerp, wat op rekeningkundige beginsels gebaseer is. Aangesien alle rekeningkunde studente kreatiewe persoonlikhede het, het hulle modelle ontwerp deur gebruik te maak van alledaagse items. Na 'n kort persoonlikheidstoets het die studente geleer om mekaar te vertrou.



## Stellenbosch Thuthuka verwelkoming

Thuthuka is 'n transformasie-inisiatief van die Suid-Afrikaanse Instituut van Geoktrooieerde Rekenmeesters (SAIGR) wat daarop gemik is om voorheenbenadeelde leerders in skole aan te moedig om 'n loopbaan in die geoktrooieerde rekenmeestersveld te volg. Die Departement Rekeningkunde fokus veral op Afrikaanssprekende studente uit die bruin bevolkingsgroep en het vanjaar sy eerste inname van 20 eerstejaar BRek Thuthuka studente in die program. Verwelkoming vir studente en ouers is gehou op 25 Januarie 2007. Die verwelkoming was ook bygewoon deur Me D van der Merwe (SAIGR: Projekdirekteur van die Thuthuka Beursfonds) en die SAIGR se Thuthuka projekspan.

Die studente word saam gehuisves in Metanoia koshuis om 'n samehorigheidsgevoel en wedersydse ondersteuning aan te moedig. Tydens hul studies neem die studente deel aan onder andere verskeie van die nuwe transformasie- en gehalte-inisiatiewe van die Departement Rekeningkunde soos byvoorbeeld

Uitgebreide Lesingsreeks vir Finansiële Rekeningkunde eerstejaarstudente en die Individuele Leer- en Bystandsprogram vir senior studente. Benewens akademiese hulpprogramme sal die studente ookdoelgemaakte modules in lewens- en werkplekvaardighede bywoon. Daar word verder van hulle vereis om gedurende ten minste een universiteitsvakansie vakansiewerk te doen, asook om aan 'n gemeenskapsinteraksie-projek van hul keuse deel te neem. Die doelwit is om vanaf 2008, 50 nuwe eerstejaar BRek studente per jaar in die Stellenbosch Thuthuka program in te neem.



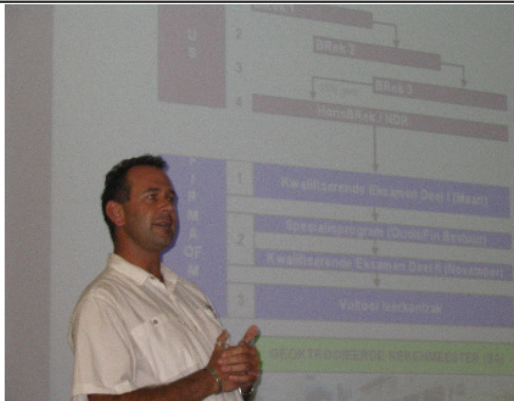
Prof P Olivier (Departementele voorsitter: Departement Rekeningkunde)



Mnr R Rudman (US Thuthuka Projekbestuurder)



Me D van der Merwe (SAIGR Thuthuka Projekdirekteur)



Prof P von Wielligh (Waarnemende Program koördineerder BRek Voorgraads: Departement Rekeningkunde)



Mnr T Vanqa (SAIGR: Transformasie bestuurder)