

THE OPEN WINDOW EXCELLS IN BANKNOTE DESIGN COMPETITION

The Open Window students have continued their winning streak by taking second and third prizes in the South African Banknote Society's recent banknote design competition.

Few people know that there is a South African equivalent of the Euro that will celebrate its 20th year of existence in 2010. The monetary union consists of South Africa, Swaziland, Namibia and Lesotho in which free movement of capital is allowed and the currencies are on par with each other.

The 20th anniversary of the Common Monetary Area (CMA) in 2010 was the inspiration for the South African Banknote Society's 2009 banknote design competition. Amongst other challenges in the brief, students had to design a commemorative 20 denomination banknote, a modeled CMA commemorative 10 denomination coin, together with the elucidation of security features. Students had to create a unique new name for this hypothetical commemorative currency for the four CMA countries.

Three Open Window students have been selected as finalists. At the gala event on 10 September The Open Window's Melandi Marneweck won 2nd prize and Alinde Lombaard 3rd prize with their constitutionally correct designs, meeting the criteria of creativity and innovation.

The South African Banknote Society's annual futuristic banknote competition plays an important role in the development and advancement of the graphic design talent in our country.