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GLOBAL PRIZES FOR UCYGRADUATES IN ICAEW'S INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL STAGE EXAMS FOR THE 2016

25 Global Prizes have been awarded to UCY graduates since 2008

The UCY School of Economics and Management is delighted to announce that graduates have gained five international first place awards in ICAEW's professional exams for September and December 2016 sittings.

UCY congratulates warmly the graduates Sofia Papageorgiou, Andreas Constantinou, Charalampia Skordi and Martinianos Papadopoulos, who achieved the highest grade and were awarded to the first place globally.

Specifically, on September 2016, Sofia Papageorgiou, who is a 2015 Accounting and Finance graduate trainee for PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited, won a First Place and the Spicer & Pegler prize for Financial Accounting & Reporting among 1,788 trainees.

On December 2016, Andreas Constantinou, who is a 2016 Accounting and Finance graduate trainee for PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited, Charalampia Skordi, who is also a 2016 Accounting and Finance graduate trainee for KPMG Limited, and Martinianos Papadopoulos, who is a 2014 Electrical and Computer Engineering graduate trainee also for PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited, won a Joint First Place and the Watts Prize Award for Audit and Assurance among 1,560 trainees.

Martinianos Papadopoulos also won the first place and Spicer & Pegler Prize in Financial Accounting and Reporting among 1,518 students on December 2016 sitting.

Both Audit and Assurance and Financial Accounting and Reporting first place prizes have been consistently won by UCY graduates that count an astonishing number of 25 ICAEW global awards since 2008 (see **Table** below).

Table: Prizes for University of Cyprus graduates since 2008

Year	Name	Award	Firm
2016	Andreas Constantinou	Audit and Assurance Joint First Place and the Watts prize	PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited, Nicosia
	Charalampia Skordi	Audit and Assurance Joint First Place and the Watts prize	KPMG Limited, Nicosia
	Martinianos Papadopoulos	Audit and Assurance Joint First Place and the Watts prize	PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited, Nicosia
	Martinianos Papadopoulos	Financial Accounting & Reporting First Place and the Spicer & Pegler prize	PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited, Nicosia
	Sofia Papageorgiou	Financial Accounting & Reporting First Place and the Spicer & Pegler	PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited, Nicosia
2015	Sofia Papageorgiou	Audit and Assurance Joint First Place and the Watts prize	PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited, Nicosia
	Irene Kyriacou	Financial Accounting & Reporting First Place and the Spicer & Pegler prize	PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited, Nicosia
2014	Irene Kyriacou	Audit and Assurance First Place and the Watts prize	PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited, Nicosia
	Nikoletta Neofytou	Business Reporting (advanced stage) First Place and the Quilter prize	PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited, Cyprus
2013	Christina Rotsidou	2013 Professional Annual international Order of Merit Second Place and the Stephens prize	KPMG Limited, Nicosia
	Nikoletta Neofytou	2013 Professional Annual international Order of Merit Joint Fifth Place and the Cassleton Elliott prize	PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited, Nicosia
	Christiana Panteli	2013 Professional Annual international Order of Merit Joint Eighth Place	PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited, Larnaca
2012	Marina Vakana	Professional stage Taxation First Place and the Little prize	PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited, Limassol
	Nikoletta Neofytou	Financial Accounting First Place and the Spicer and Pegler prize	PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited, Nicosia
	Christina Rotsidou	Audit and Assurance First Place and the Watts prize	KPMG Limited, Nicosia
	Marina Vakana	2012 Professional Annual international Order of Merit First Place and the Plender prize	PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited, Limassol
2011	Pantelis Pavlou	Taxation Joint First Place and the Little prize	Ernst & Young Cyprus Limited, Limassol
	Pantelis Pavlou	2011 Professional Annual international Order of Merit First Place and the Plender prize	(Ernst & Young Cyprus Limited)
	Loukas Antoniou	2011 Professional Annual international Order of Merit Third Place and the Hewitt prize	Deloitte Ltd, Nicosia
	Vana Andreou	2011 Professional Annual international Order of Merit Fourth Place and the Northcott prize	Deloitte Ltd, Larnaca
2010	Loukas Antoniou	Audit and Assurance First Place and the Watts prize	Deloitte Ltd, Nicosia
	Panos Marinou	2010 Professional Annual international Order of Merit Third Place and the Hewitt prize	Deloitte Ltd, Larnaca
	Vasso Kakota	2010 Professional Annual international	PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited,

		Order of Merit Ninth Place	Nicosia
2009	Vasso Kakota	Audit & Assurance First Place and the Watts Prize	PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited, Nicosia
2008	Panos Marinou	Financial Accounting First Place and the Spicer & Pegler Prize	Deloitte & Touche Limited, Lanarca

It is a continuation of global achievements that UCY graduates have had in the recent years, demonstrating their caliber, determination and their excellence in demanding professional examinations of the internationally recognized and prestigious qualification of the Certified Accountants (ACCA) and Chartered Accountant (ACA) aimed at creating the leaders of tomorrow.

“The overall objective is to ensure that our students continue to accomplish their goals and achieve greater success and, while supporting them to become the leaders of tomorrow. UCY has declared 2017 the Year for Quality Teaching. We are committed to creating an educational environment that enables our students to grow academically and socially. We prepare them to compete more effectively in an increasingly challenging business environment,” said UCY Rector, Prof. Constantinos Christofides.