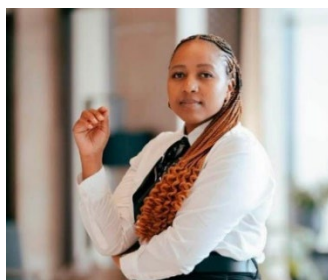


**DURBAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

14 April 2025

Dear Alumni and friends,

**You are cordially invited to an inspirational talk by UKZN alumnus Dr Thandekile (Thandi) Ngxongo titled “Dare to Lead”.**



**Talk Overview**

Dr Ngxongo's core belief is that mastering self-leadership is the key to unlocking success. This talk will explore the impact of self-leadership in unlocking success and the role that education plays in shaping not only knowledge but identity, reputation, opportunities and ultimately success. She hopes to inspire the audience to master self-leadership and see academia as not just a path to qualifications, but as a transformative leadership tool for building a lasting legacy - one that enhances personal brand, cultivates leadership, and creates impact in every sphere of life.

**Dr Thandekile (Thandi) Ngxongo Bio**

Dr Ngxongo, founder of Thandekile Group, is a visionary leader in the oil and gas industry with a strong academic foundation, holding qualifications in Chemical Engineering, Project Management, an MBA, and a PhD. Rising from an engineering position to C-suite executive roles, she now owns petrol stations in KwaZulu-Natal, including the BP Flagship on Moore Road. Thandi has earned numerous accolades, including the Nedbank Womandla Award, KZN Top Business awards, Global SHE awards and the Hadarat Global Woman of Stature Award in Dubai. An impactful speaker on global platforms like Forbes Leading Women Summit, Thandi also leads the uThandekile Foundation which supports education, women empowerment and environmental initiatives. Her motto is “Lift as you rise”

**Date:** Monday, 26 May 2025

**Time:** 17h00 for 17h30

**Venue:** Murray Lecture Theatre, Centenary Building (opposite the Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre entrance), Howard College Campus, Durban

**COST:** R50 per person (payable in cash on arrival)

**RSVP BY:** Monday, 19 May 2025

**The talk will be followed by a vibrant evening filled with wine, juice, snacks, and good company.**

Please click [here](#) to confirm attendance.

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