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ANNE CHISA & ZAKITHI MKHIZE

talk about

YOU as a BRAND

Monday
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to join Anne and Zakithi
as they shares their
secrets of entrepreneurial
success.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS: Anne Chisa is a PhD Candidate in Crop Science at UKZN, where she also completed her Masters in Agricultural Science. During her studies she has developed a passion for science and exposing the many wonderful careers and opportunities that are available in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) field. In 2020, she founded The Root of the Science Podcasts, interviewing guests in various STEM fields and allowing them to talk about their research. Ultimately, she hopes her podcasts inspire others to get into STEM, including encouraging those already in the field to persevere and strive for more after hearing about the prospects available from her guests. Anne is also part of an initiative called Visibility in STEM Africa, which shares the same mission, making Africans who are involved in STEM visible.

Durban girl and UKZN alumnus Zakithi Mkhize holds a BSc Honours degree in Microbiology, a Master of Medical Science in Virology (*cum laude*) and is currently a PhD candidate at the HIV Pathogenesis Programme (HPP) and a PhD fellow at the Sub-Saharan African Network for TB/HIV Research Excellence (SANTHE). As a young black woman coming from a country which is so greatly affected by HIV she is passionate about medical research and has presented her findings at two international conferences. She holds numerous awards including an NRF doctoral Innovation scholarship and being regional KZN winner for FameLab 2021. For Zakithi, one of the most exciting things about Science is being able to communicate it with everyone. She uses her YouTube channel, *BlackGirlScientist* to share her knowledge, experiences and expertise with people who are in, or considering being in STEM fields, and to motivate, encourage and inspire young people, especially young black women, to pursue a career in Science. 'If you are confident enough, you should put yourself out there!', says Zakithi. 'What's the worst that could happen? Once you envision yourself as a brand that encapsulates everything you stand for, show up as her. Every day!'