

# **Cape Town Alumnus Dinner**

### Mr Fanle Sibisi

President of Convocation

and

#### **Alumni Relations**

University of KwaZulu-Natal

cordially invite you and your spouse/partner to enjoy a Dinner at the

# Cape Grace Hotel

Signal Restaurant W Quay Rd Victoria & Alfred Waterfront Cape Town

#### Date

Saturday, 14 March 2020

#### Time

18h30 for 19h00

#### Cost

R200 per person

(Inclusive of food and selected drinks)

### **Guest Speakers**

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## **Special Address by Les Aupiais**

UKZN Alumnus and Media & Communications Consultant Les Aupiais Strategic Communications

Topic: 'Don't put your daughter on the stage, Mrs Worthington....the profession is overcrowded, and the struggle's pretty tough and admitting the fact, she's burning to act, that isn't quite enough ...' It wasn't!

Seating is limited. Early bookings are advised RSVP before Friday, 6 March 2020

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# **Profile of Guest Speaker**

UKZN Alumnus, Les Aupiais

Les Aupiais, nee Shacksnovis, graduated in 1975 flying by the seat of her pants. Noel Coward's sharply witty lyrics from 1935 called it when it came to acting, but Les didn't listen.

Her 'stage' career began in the wings as a writer and editor for newspapers and glossy magazines but her voice, well trained back in drama classes at the University of Natal, led to hosting talk radio shows and while 'the box' wasn't quite a stage, her ability to act bravely, landed her a role as a field reporter for one of South Africa's longest running television shows. And that's where the drama really began...

Today she coaches executives and companies from multinationals to private schools on how to keep well out of the media limelight. She lectures at business schools, is a keynote speaker and is the author of several books. In 2020, much to her astonishment, she will be co-hosting a new History Channel TV series.

In between being shot at and caught up in riots, she most dramatically produced a set of triplets.

Her talk on 14 March 'Don't put your daughter on the stage, Mrs Worthington', gently chides those who view a liberal arts degree as a 'waste of time' (her late father, for one) and presents an argument for how a humble BA can kick a career into touch.