

The Division of Corporate Relations
cordially invites you to celebrate

Women's Month

with

Keynote Speaker

Captain Kanthum Naidoo-du Plessis

Date

14 August 2014

Time

12h30 - 14h30

Venue

GSB&L Auditorium, Graduate School of Business and Leadership
Westville Campus
University of KwaZulu-Natal

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Kanthum Naidoo-du Plessis

Captain: kulula.com and British Airways (operated by Comair)

Kanthum Naidoo-du Plessis took her first flight as Captain on a Boeing 737-800 on 11 October 2013. She currently operates domestic and regional flights for both kulula.com and British Airways (operated by Comair). She joined Comair in 2007 as First officer on the Boeing 737, and has worked her way up to her most recent command upgrade.

As Captain of an aircraft she is the pilot in command responsible for the safe and efficient operation of the aircraft as well as management of the flight crew. A typical domestic and regional schedule is quite busy and Kanthum's flying day can include four sectors per day with overnight stays away from home for up to three days.

Initially Kanthum started studying towards a Chartered Accounting degree, but always knew she wanted to fly. After completing her first year BCompt Degree, she had the opportunity to apply for the initial Comair Cadet Scheme in 2001. After extensive interviewing and screening of hundreds of candidates she qualified for the bursary, and was then the only woman chosen to complete a Commercial Pilots License at 43 Air School in Port Alfred, Eastern Cape.

Kanthum holds an Airline Transport Pilot License (ATPL), with a Boeing 737-300, Boeing 737-400 and Boeing 737-800 series rating. Her total flying experience equates to over 6 000 hours.

She is married and has a daughter who is 7 years of age. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her family outdoors, mountain biking and running.

