Meet Noha

MLK HOST

On January 29 we will hear the UNH Student Call to Action for Social Justice at the 23rd Annual MLK Commemorative Celebration in Johnson Theater at 7 pm.

Noha Elmohands sees herself as a “leader born of necessity.” “I was a quiet child, but I recognized that there were people who needed a voice, and I saw myself speaking for them.

Noha Elmohands realized that she could develop her leadership skills three years ago at the MLK Summit, where she spent three days learning how to work effectively in a multicultural world. She said, “I realized that, not only do I have a voice, but I also have power to create change.”

She began attending Diversity Support Coalition meetings and working in the MUB at the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs.

Now she serves on the UNH President’s Commission on the Status of People of Color and recently led a workshop at the Access Leadership and Empowerment Conference in Manchester.

Her diversity of experience has led her to be invited to speak on panels and facilitate at conferences. “Talking about my religion, my race, and my gender has given me visibility that many students have not had. It has allowed me to be empathetic toward a wide range of student experiences. If I can walk beside people on this journey and speak for them when they cannot speak for themselves, we make bigger waves and bigger changes, and we catalyze the movement that makes all of us heard.”

She hopes UNH students, faculty and staff will see that “We’re all leaders in our own way. Small actions count, too. You don’t have to stand at a podium on a stage. Being a leader means taking action and making change. It’s about paying attention to what needs to be done. Truth is always developing. What was the truth yesterday may not be the truth tomorrow. That’s what I want people to take with them: that leading is part of the continuum of learning, so be involved. What is life without passion?”

Noha Elmohands is a Psychology and Women’s Studies major with a minor in Race, Culture and Power.