Feedback to Dr. Bernice A. King Anniversary Event:

- I am thankful to have been a part of your VIP section…. I actually had a question ready, but with great conversation between you and Dr. King, and those who readily asked questions, I didn't feel I would ask it. Also, the question was so well stated by I think Ava Martin and which in your discussion with Dr. King you more than answered the complex question of is gradualism better or more creative out of the box thought to move progress on social justice forward. Not enough seems to have been done so far after all the talk, protests, and energized nation of people wanting change after the death of George Floyd and all the others. There seems a disconnect to me, and you both mentioned we are losing our humanity in certain ways but I am always hopeful, especially hearing Dr. King's beliefs in continuous, committed work towards a common goal of connecting people at whatever place they are in, and trying to connect a community of thought towards eliminating all the injustices by systemic racism, white supremacy, and all. And yet the question remains, how to do all this which both of you answered and yet the struggle remains.

I took so many notes, and have to reflect on all of this very meaningful celebration of your Amazing Ten Years of Talking, Listening, and Connecting. So many thoughts swirling around in my head. I surely thank you and your amazing team for putting together such an outstanding event and one I will truly remember forever.

I so enjoyed Alycia's harp music as a peaceful interlude between the VIP section talk and your talk with Dr. King. Truly enjoyed that ending with your Humanity's 101 Choir singing such an uplifting, hopeful song! Loved that video! I didn't realize you all had a choir, and the lyrics fit your principles so well! Oh, thought the short video excellent, too, at the beginning of your main conversation with Dr. King.

You all surely had a real celebration with this wonderful event, and so did all of us attending it.

- I did attend the celebration and what a pleasure it was. Of course, I found your conversation with Dr. Bernice King enthralling, as predicted.

I found your questions to Dr. King prominent and direct, allowing her to relate Project Humanities' ideologies within her points, especially when asking if we are losing faith in our humanity. Her thoughts on defining “justice” as an intersection of dignity & fairness, I found compelling also.
It was inspiring to learn the countless people/organisations involved in the Project Humanities program with so many of the 101 choosing your program, to be represented by throughout these last 10 years.

I found that the anniversary celebration in some ways showcased what Project Humanities encapsulates.

During your conversation with Dr King, I engaged in the live Chat and when doing so, read comments from people from all across the world there doing the same. This program seems to have touched so many people, and I feel what contributes to this is the access Project Humanities has given, in allowing those around the world to “talk, listen & connect” and enjoy the presence of each other. There’s definitely a warm and friendly environment felt by the people involved in this program, a caring and considerate one to that effect also. I feel honoured to have signed the pledge and will continue to live by the principles Project Humanities invites us to consider.

Congratulations on your success and thank you for allowing me to become part of your wonderful program.

- So many thoughts. Where to begin.... do I start or end with love? Love was throughout all that Dr. Bernice King shared. I have been carrying her father’s, Dr. King’s quote with me for weeks. "Those who love peace must learn to organize as effectively as those who love war." How? How do those with love in their hearts organize as voraciously as those who carry hatred? How am I to simultaneously keep anger and hate from seeping into my being, and still fight against injustice? This is my struggle, and it includes interactions with and avoidance of my own family members. The reminders of love, compassion, and empathy were helpful for me. My office is sparse, but I do now have the Humanity 101 pledge hanging on my wall. I am a hopeful person and believe that eventually, things will change toward the better but I question the struggle and sacrifice that so many have had to endure to be treated with dignity and humanity. I have many other thoughts, but those are probably the big ones. I know that I need to be in spaces like the one Project Humanity provided on Saturday. I needed to hear the dialogue between you and Dr. King. I need to stay grounded in love and hope and learn to do the work from there. I am grateful for the work you've done and continue to do and for the way that you do it.
I just want to say it's such a privilege to ... be able to attend some of the Project Humanities events. Your conversation with Dr. King was uplifting and inspiring. Much needed words for always, but especially right now.

An amazing event with Bernice King. Wow! It was so wonderful to hear her speak and hear her experience. The interview was awesome and I enjoyed your questions and her responses, thank you!

Such a wonderful conversation and really interesting answer. Really made me think about things in a different way.

It was great to virtually hear from her. I got to visit the new and historic Ebenezer church and the house that she grew up in a few years ago. It was amazing.

Another opportunity to gain hope. The award portion of the program was excellent.

It was the highlight of my week, month, year! Thanks for another awesome program. :pray:

I am thankful to be able to participate in my small roles. I think you're too close to it, to fully comprehend the great impact of Project Humanities. You and your crews merit much more accolades than received but there's another next 10 yrs at least to make it right :) congrats and keep fighting forward, but today, some rest is merited! Well done!

Dr. King was great--thoughtful, interesting, and relatable. I have been following Dr. King for several years on Twitter as I believe there can be profound non-violent change in our country, our communities, families and ourselves. Hearing her reference to the "creative tension" needed to create change was a highlight. I was glad to hear her voice. Your joy during this conversation was palpable and leapt through the screen.

I am grateful to be part of Project Humanities and to see you celebrate 10 years - your message and tenets are important.

Thank you, Dr. Neal, for being so generous with your time, your dedication to caring for the community and for being a lodestar for so many.
The 10th anniversary event was "wildly" successful!

All things considered, I thoroughly enjoyed it.

1. The music at the beginning of the program was much appreciated and signaled something better was coming as the program progressed.

2. I didn't expect to hear from President Crow during the broadcast. Since he lent his voice and face to the space, that tells me how much of an impact Project Humanities has had at ASU and in the community.

3. Including photos and some history of Project Humanities over the 10 years was also a plus, especially since all viewers have not been with the program for the full 10 years. Ditto for including info on award winners.

4. Scripted vs unscripted conversation with Bernice King? I was wondering if the conversation with Bernice King should have been a bit more scripted (questions asked well in advance of the broadcast), but then I also feel that off-the-cuff responses may have been better and added more flavor to the discussion between you and her.

5. It's always a good practice to include questions from the audience when you can.

Congratulations on a full decade! That was such a motivating and invigorating conversation, Dr. Neal Lester, that you had with Dr. Bernice King on Saturday afternoon. Thank you for sharing it with us.

Thank you for a most important, thought-provoking and inspiring conversation with Dr. King. Yes, technology and propaganda are threatening the very fabric of society - as well as greed. But she had a most important message: we need to be engaged in the process of social change: these will bring joy and eventually lead to triumphant moments.

And you were right, too: people ARE finding pockets of joy. Interestingly, a few months ago, I began to document some of them in my own life - as an exercise for a writing group I joined. And reconnecting with you, dear professor, is the subject of the one I’m writing now!

Keep up the good work. We need lessons in humanity more than ever!
Your discussion with Dr. King helped me to understand my need to look at a bigger picture of current life in this country. I also did not appreciate that my view of the King family was so male focused. I saw in her the many aspects of what and who our leading and under the radar Black women are and a warm pride surged in me towards these women. Don't get me wrong. I've always had great respect for this group of women. This event heightened that respect. Great event, and I'm so happy I attended.