

Butterfly Effect Mentoring Institute

Dedicated to Mentoring the Youth

Interview by Equanimity

The Butterfly Effect Mentoring Institute (BEMI) is the brainchild of one visionary, Nicole Miller. She did not just have a dream; she made her dream into reality. You could say that Miller is BEMI. Miller's vision and mission is to pioneer a strategic outreach program of mentorship. Her organization equips, enables and empowers the next generation to become successful in every area of their lives. When you sit down with Miller, you're likely to be mentored in some way. If not, you're likely to be inspired by her energy and welcoming tone. When you leave her, you will carry memories of her depiction of the chosen, special generation with you. We attended her enrollment kickoff event in January and had an opportunity to talk to Miller and her staff after the event.

This is our conversation with BEMI:

EQUANIMITY: How many students is BEMI enrolling a year?

BEMI: We first opened our doors to the daughters of my intimate circle of girlfriends. It was about six girls in total, to be exact. We wanted to give back to the next generation of girls something we realized was missing in our own childhoods. Before we could effectively mentor the next generation, we had to ensure that we were able to successfully and effectively mentor, teach, coach and lead the children in our homes first. My girlfriends and I wanted to make sure that the principles we teach could be consistently demonstrated by both the mentor and mentee. In four short years, BEMI enrolled an average of 30 young girls & boys annually. Now that we are "Partners in Education" with the Frisco Independent School District, we are looking for our enrollment to double, even triple. Our enrollment period occurs annually during the period of October 1st through January 8th.

EQUANIMITY: Who qualifies for mentorship?

BEMI: The Butterfly Effect Transformation team represents a diverse group of ordinary people who are united and committed to impart proven kingdom success principles that will show each mentee how to connect their passions, dreams, frustrations and challenges with their obvious and hidden gifts and talents. They are thereby empowered to consistently build bridges of success in every area of their lives so they can influence and impact their environment, community, city, state, country, world



and next generation for a lifetime. BEMI understands that learning is a never-ending journey that can be embraced by all. BEMI's goal is to accommodate the needs of our community by offering a diverse classroom structure that expands across the boundary lines of culture, age and gender. Come join us in this journey of discovering how to unlock the best of who you are by enrolling in a class today.

Our Classroom Structure is as follows:

- Elementary (ages 8-10)
- Middle School (ages 11-13)
- High School (ages 14-18)
- College / Career – Coming Soon

EQUANIMITY: What are the requirements to qualify?

BEMI: The parents or guardians and potential mentee must complete the BEMI on-line enrollment application. In addition, the family may also apply for a BEMI Scholarship. BEMI Scholarships are offered to families that may need financial assistance. These scholarships create an opportunity to ensure everyone can participate - no one is left behind. Interested parties can also inquire directly from the BEMI website's Contact Us page at www.bemiinstitute.org.

EQUANIMITY: Tells us about your program.

BEMI: We represent a diverse community of ordinary people who are accomplishing extraordinary things through the medium of mentoring. Our primary focus and commitment is to transfer kingdom wisdom, knowledge and understanding that will equip, enable and empower a Chosen and Special Generation to positively influence their environment, neighborhood, community, city, state, country, world and next generation for a lifetime. Our mentor program is five months long, starting from January through May, usually on the second and fourth Saturday of each month, from 10:30 am – 2:30 pm.



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EQUANIMITY: What are the different types of training?

BEMI: Our training focuses on developing and equipping this Chosen and Special Generation with tools for life success. BEMI has a proven track record of effectively imparting sound methods and principles that provide individuals or teams with the applicable tools they need to accomplish their objectives. Our mentees are discovering and learning to live and practice these eight Core Values:

- Identity
- Purpose
- Achievement
- Integrity
- Balance – Work Hard/Play Hard
- Creativity
- Compassion
- Contribution


Our vision is to continue to pioneer a strategic outreach plan through the medium of mentoring, which is equipping, enabling and empowering this and the next generation to be successful in every area of their lives (intellectually, physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually).

EQUANIMITY: Miller, what is the one and most important thing you tell students who enroll in the BEMI program?

BEMI: As the Founder and CEO, I personally speak to every mentee, informing them that before you can effectively recognize and utilize all your gifts

and talents, it is important to understand who you are. Your identity is the foundation of who you are and who you will become. You hear many people say that knowledge is power, and that is a true statement. However, I have learned that the source of acquiring knowledge with thorough understanding comes from someone skilled in how to use the power of words in written or verbal form. Thus, a key ingredient in becoming an effective mentor, teacher and coach is to create a ripple effect, producing positive results that will last a lifetime. I also personally sign every student's curriculum book with the following quotes: *You are Special and Unique. There is no one on the face of the earth exactly like you. Your future is bright, full of hope and purpose. You are destined to do great things!!!*

EQUANIMITY: How did you pick the name for your organization? What does the name symbolize?

BEMI: The name of the organization, Butterfly Effect Mentoring Institute, or BEMI, was inspired by God and born out of my personal journey of discovering who I am and how to consistently yield success in every area of my life: intellectually, physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. People undergo a similar process of transformation to that of the butterfly. Before the butterfly reached its full potential by taking flight and possessing great vision to accomplish what it could never accomplish prior to its transformation experience, it was a caterpillar. It was only able to crawl on the ground and see a few feet in front of him. Although the caterpillar started out as a small insect, its creator placed something on the inside: hidden gifts and talents. The caterpillar had to pursue, discover, embrace and yield to a pattern of process and preparation that would allow the transformation of something beautiful, special and unique to occur in its life. This is why I named the organization BEMI - Butterfly Effect Mentoring Institute. 

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