

Melanie DewBerry

...is in the business of human potential

Conversation Curator • Courage Cultivator
Speaking & Coaching on Consciousness,
Soul and the Love of Life

A traditional biography lists credentials and work history. I'd like to invite you to know who I am through story and what I bring to the game of change and to your event.

Love Your People

Melanie - The Story

When I was nine my neighbors signed a petition to have my family leave and called in death threats to my father. A neighbor attempted to hose me down on my way to school - because we were Black. Someone took a stand for us. We bonded with one family who refused to sign off on hate. That family taught me how to take a stand and I've been doing it ever since.

I speak, coach and do archetypal branding, fostering our human(e) potential and consciousness. I'm an activist of sorts, a truth teller for sure and a cultivator of wisdom. I've blended who I am with what I do, incorporating the teaching of my Native American elders.

Melanie - The Credentials

Melanie has traveled the globe bringing the freedom that courages gives. Working in Wuxi, China, speaking at TEDx venues in Vienna and Vancouver, Melanie enlightens audiences to their shared humanity. At the core, Melanie is a bringer of truth, love and wisdom. She has always been a provocateur, daring people to be courageous, deepen their consciousness and cultivate their wisdom on the road of life.

We Belong to One Another

Education

She received a Master of Arts in Asian Economic Development and Political Risk at Dominican University (CA). Taking her business acumen to the people, Melanie served the public in several nonprofits and co-created the first youth credit union (staffed completely by youth) in Northern California. She trained as a professional coach at The Coaches Training Institute; upon completion of training she was selected to teach for them.

The Work

Melanie has vision to create what has not yet existed. After coaching for several years, she saw the need for a magazine to galvanize the coaching community and to provide a forum for writing about soul and work. She co-created Choice magazine and wrote the wildly loved column, "The Soul of Coaching" for five years.

She has collected loads of credentials and certifications along the way. A coach and solopreneur for sixteen plus years, she started her coaching career at the renowned Coaches Training Institute (CTI) and was a Senior Lead Trainer for ten years. Mentored by one of the creators of CTI, Laura Whitworth, Melanie was encouraged to another first: teaching the coaching program in the federal and state prison system, which was both scary and rewarding.

Where She Works

Melanie began taking stage as a keynote speaker in 2000. Her favorite topics include belonging, love at work, anarchy, being inappropriate for good, and wisdom. When she's not on the stage she's coaching entrepreneurs to fly... and saying outrageous and true things that get them to lift off.

Melanie pours her love of humanity into her work. She is force of loving grit that challenges people to expand their consciousness and love their people.