

Reno Rebirth profile: Priya Mani



WHY WE'RE PROFILING HER

Priya Mani is a franchisee of the Best in Class Education Center, which provides math and English tutoring for students, in Reno. Mani has been living in Nevada for the past 12 years, permanently settling in Reno in 2013. She is an electronics engineer with more than 20 years of experience in information technology and has a bachelor's degree in commerce but became a stay-at-home mom to care for her son and daughter. Her family decided to relocate to Reno in order for their daughter to be closer to her elementary school, which provides gifted students adequate academic curriculum. To provide her kids and other children in the area with educational opportunities that would motivate and challenge them, Mani and her husband decided to sign with Best in Class to open a center in their community.

HOW DID YOU GET THIS GREAT JOB?

Mani: We were looking for a great enrichment program in Reno for our children, but we didn't find any that we liked. We did some more research and came across Best in Class Education Center. We researched the brand and liked the program, so we decided to open the first Best in Class center

in Reno to benefit our children as well as help other students in the community improve their results. We were the first afterschool enrichment program center to open in Reno.

WHAT DO YOU DO EVERY DAY?

As a business owner, I manage the daily operations of the center, which includes overseeing our talented group of tutors and answering any questions that parents may have. At Best in Class, we offer math and English enrichment programs and create individualized curriculum to help each student get ahead. We offer group classes as well as private tutoring.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO WORK IN RENO?

We moved from Carson City to Reno for our children's education.

WHAT WOULD YOU TELL A KID WHO WANTS TO DO THIS?

If you're interested in opening a business, I would recommend doing your research into the company and finding a concept that you're passionate about. I really enjoy being a Best in Class franchisee because I get to see kids improve their grades, which makes them and their parents happy.

WHAT'S THE BEST PART OF YOUR JOB?

The best part of my job is when a parent or student comes to tell me that their grades have improved with the help of Best in Class.

WHAT HAS SURPRISED YOU MOST ABOUT THE JOB?

I was a stay-at-home mom before I opened Best in Class, so I didn't have any prior business experience. However, there was nothing in the process that has surprised me because Best in Class' corporate team provides a lot of support and prepares you so that you're set up for success.

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