MBLGTACC 2012: The butterfly effect

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The butterfly effect states that a butterfly is able cause a ripple effect of enormous proportions with one flap of its wings. A butterfly is a fragile creature. It starts as a caterpillar thriving on leaves before it curls into a small cocoon for several months until it flourishes into a beautiful and developed butterfly. Through every stage it undergoes metamorphosis, growing and changing each and every time. It slowly crawls from its cocoon, its safe haven for the past months, and enters a world in which it’s able to start a new life. This fragile and amazing change is happening all around us at any given instant, unnoticed and seemingly insignificant. But the tiniest change in the insect’s environment can end its development. Isn’t it only fair that such a delicate animal could be responsible for massive changes in the same world that threatens it?

The Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Ally College Conference, or MBLGTACC, was created in 1991 by students from Iowa State University and Drake University at a conference in Des Moines. Since its conception, it has been held in different locations around the Midwest, serving as a way for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning and allied (LGBTQA) students to network and grow together in a safe environment.

The mission of Mumble Talk is to allow LGBTQA students to engage with their dreams, develop their skills, and find the pride to follow their dreams into action. It is so easy for passion and dreams to be crushed at inception. But with a little nurturing, they can lead to societal hurricanes. With past attendance of over 1,000 patrons (damn, that’s a lot of new Facebook friends) the conference is a mecca for LGBTQA students to come together and be themselves, with the bonus of showcasing all they have to offer the world. We like that. A lot.

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

SCHEDULE

- Check-in: 12-8 p.m. Friday, February 10, 2012
- Location: Iowa State University Memorial Union
- First workshop: 4:00 p.m. Friday, February 10, 2012
- The final workshop ends at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, February 12, 2012
- Closing ceremony following the final workshop, concluding at 1 p.m. on Sunday, February 12, 2012

COST

- Before December 15, 2011 @ 11:59 p.m. = $60 per person
- Between December 16, 2011 and February 7, 2012 @ 11:59 p.m. = $70 per person
- February 8, 2012 or later = you must register on-site. $80 per person
- Cancellation Policy: You will be able to withdraw from the conference until February 3, 2012 at 11:59 p.m. Central Time. You will be refunded in full except for a $20 registration and administrative fee.