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THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
MTSU Student Union Building (STU) 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE WELCOME & OVERVIEW
MTSU Student Union Building (STU) 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Beverly Watts, Executive Director of the Tennessee Human Rights Commission, brings greetings to attendees of the Inaugural LGBT+ College Conference and
• College and University Roll Call and Introductions
• Review of Conference Schedule, Protocols, and Objectives
• Playbook Instructions

CONFERENCE KEYNOTE-BREAKING THE BARRIERS OF ATHLETICS
MTSU Student Union Building (STU) 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.
MTSU Alumnus Alan Gendreau was the first openly gay division one football player and source of great pride for the University. He will discuss his experience and provide personal insight into the stereotypical barriers that are most often associated with the world of sports.

CURRENT & FUTURE POLITICAL LANDSCAPE
MTSU Student Union Building (STU) 2:10 P.M. - 2:50 P.M.
Session presentation by Stephen Loveless, of the Tennessee Equality Project, focused on how students, their allies and citizens at large can impact the establishment of fair and equitable laws protecting the rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons in the State of Tennessee and the elimination of laws that would seek to counter this effort. The presentation will provide insight into some of the most pressing legislative issues of today.

CURRENT & FUTURE POLITICAL LANDSCAPE STRATEGY SESSION
MTSU Student Union Building (STU) 2:50 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.
Conference participants will have the opportunity to gain insight and counsel in a working session focused on building an effective strategic outline for a focused political advocacy initiative on some of the most pressing legislative issues of today.

DAILY CLOSING REMARKS
3:40 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE COMMUNITY FORUM-FILM PRESENTATION OF MIRACLES ON HONEY-BEE HILL
MTSU Keathley University Center (KUC) Theater 7:00 P.M.
A film by MTSU professor Dr. Bob Pondillo, Miracles on Honey Bee Hill is the winner of the 2012 Intercultural and Diversity Affairs LGBT+ Advocate of the Year. The short film tells a heartfelt “fairytale” story of tolerance, acceptance and love. A discussion with the audience will follow the showing.

ADDITIONAL NOTES AND NETWORKING