

## ACLU Meeting To Form Quad City Chapter

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A new chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union will be forming in the Quad Cities to address issues of importance to America. The Quad Cities Chapter of ACLU organizational meeting will be 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 20, 2012, at St Ambrose University in the Ambrose Room at Rogalski Center.

The meeting purpose is to organize and form a new Quad Cities Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and elect an interim board of directors. Members of the ACLU and those interested in joining are invited to take part in a milestone event in support of Civil Liberties in the Quad Cities area.

Membership information and a limited number of the newly released "Students' Rights Handbook" will be available at the meeting.

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The American Civil Liberties Union is a non-partisan organization dedicated to preserving and protecting Civil Liberties in America. With over 700,000 members nationwide in all 50 states ACLU is the largest, most widely known and most highly respected Civil Liberties organization in the nation. No other private organization appears before the Supreme Court more than the ACLU. The ACLU is our nation's guardian of liberty, working daily in courts, legislatures and communities to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties that the Constitution and laws of the United States guarantee everyone in this country.

These rights include:

- Your First Amendment rights - freedom of speech, association and assembly; freedom of the press, and freedom of religion.
- Your right to equal protection under the law - protection against unlawful discrimination.
- Your right to due process - fair treatment by the government whenever the loss of your liberty or property is at stake.
- Your right to privacy - freedom from unwarranted government intrusion into your personal and private affairs.

The ACLU also works to extend rights to segments of our population that have traditionally been denied their rights, including people of color; women; lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender people; prisoners; and people with disabilities. If the rights of society's most vulnerable members are denied, everybody's rights are imperiled.

To learn more about the ACLU and the local chapter visit their website at <http://acluqc.org/> .  
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