

# NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



*Oprah Winfrey, Tyler Perry, Keke Palmer, Usher, and Taraji P. Henson attend the 55th NAACP Image Awards.*

**CBS News:** [Chlöe Bailey and NAACP President Derrick Johnson reveal nominees for 56th NAACP Image Awards](#)

VIDEO: Grammy-nominated artist Chlöe Bailey and NAACP President Derrick Johnson join “CBS Mornings” to announce nominees for the 56th NAACP Image Awards. The awards honor the achievements and performances of people of color across various fields.

**BET:** [NAACP Announces 56th Image Awards Nominees: Celebrating Black Excellence on February 22](#)

On Tuesday, NAACP announced the full list of “56th NAACP Image Awards” nominees, with Cynthia Erivo, Keke Palmer, Kendrick Lamar, Kevin Hart, and Shannon Sharpe nominated for Entertainer of the Year. The winners will be revealed Friday, February 21, 2025 at the 56th NAACP Image Awards Creative Honors Ceremonies on [naacpimageawards.net](http://naacpimageawards.net) and during the two-hour LIVE TV special, airing Saturday, February 22, 2025 from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, at 8 PM ET/ 8 PM PT on BET and CBS. This year’s theme is, “Our Stories, Our Culture, Our Excellence.”

**NBC News:** [‘The Piano Lesson,’ GloRilla and Ayo Edebiri lead NAACP Image Award nominations](#)

“We look forward to celebrating the brilliance of Black talent and creativity whose stories shape culture, ignite change, and inspire generations,” said Derrick Johnson, president and CEO of the NAACP. “Through film, music, literature, and more, their voices weave a rich tapestry that honors our heritage, celebrates our identity, and proves that storytelling is a powerful force for driving true progress.”

**Ebony:** [NAACP Image Awards Announced, Ayo Edebiri, GloRilla and ‘The Piano Lesson’ Lead - See Full List](#)

As award season continues, another night of Black Hollywood and activism is upon us. The NAACP has unveiled the nominees for its 56th Image Awards, spotlighting a diverse array of Black talent across film, television, music and literature. The ceremony is scheduled for February 21 and 22, 2025, with the main event broadcasting live from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium on BET and CBS at 8 PM ET/PT.

**Paramount Press Express:** [56th NAACP Image Awards](#)

By visiting [www.naacpimageawards.net](http://www.naacpimageawards.net), the public can vote to determine the winners of the “56th NAACP Image Awards” in select categories. Voting closes on February 7, 2025, at 12:00 midnight (ET.) Winners will be revealed during the “56th NAACP Image Awards” telecast on Saturday, February 22 live from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, on BET and CBS. NAACP will also recognize winners in non–televised Image Awards categories at the 56th NAACP Image Awards Creative Honors Ceremonies Friday, February 21. For information and updates, please follow NAACP Image Awards on Instagram @NAACPImageAwards.

**The Hollywood Reporter:** [NAACP Image Awards Nominations: 'The Piano Lesson' Leads Film Nods With 14](#)

The 2025 NAACP Image [Awards](#) nominations have been revealed, with [The Piano Lesson](#), the Malcolm Washington-directed film adaptation of August Wilson's play starring Danielle Deadwyler and John David Washington, up for 14 nominations, the most of any film this year.

**Variety:** [NAACP Image Awards: Ayo Edebiri, Keke Palmer, GloRilla, 'The Piano Lesson' and 'Fight Night' Lead Nominations](#)

The winner of the prestigious award will be announced on Feb. 22 during the two-hour live broadcast of the 56th [NAACP Image Awards](#) from the Pasadena Civic Center, airing on BET and CBS.

**Rolling Stone:** [GloRilla Is the 2025 NAACP Image Awards Most Nominated Musician](#)

After a strong year including the release of her debut album [Glorious](#), a [song of the summer](#), and standout Video Music [Awards performance](#), [GloRilla](#) is starting 2025 as the [NAACP](#) Image Awards' most nominated musician.

**Rolling Out:** [8 top Black artists dominate 2025 NAACP award nominations](#)

The NAACP Image Awards have long served as a platform for recognizing Black excellence in entertainment, and the 2025 nominations continue this proud tradition. The upcoming ceremony scheduled for February 21, 2025, promises to be a landmark celebration of these achievements, featuring both televised and non-televised segments ensuring comprehensive recognition of all nominees' contributions to entertainment excellence.

**Black Enterprise:** [Whoopi Goldberg, Ketanji Brown Jackson Among Literary Nominees for NAACP Image Awards](#)

The 2025 NAACP Image Awards nominees were announced on Jan. 7, featuring nine literary categories—eight Outstanding Literary Work awards for various genres and one Outstanding Graphic Novel category—that honor diverse genres and authors, Variety reports.

**TheGrio:** [NAACP President: With two weeks until Inauguration Day,](#)

### [we're calling on Biden to take urgent action](#)

In 2020, when he was officially declared as the next president of the United States, [Joe Biden](#) sent a clear message to Black America: [I have your back](#). Now, with less than two weeks to go until Inauguration Day, President Biden still has the opportunity to cement his progressive legacy, and deliver on three critical promises he made to our community.

### **Atlanta Journal Constitution:** [Honor MLK's birthday at these Atlanta events](#)

The Cobb County NAACP and county government are hosting a program that will feature dancers, musicians, spoken word poets, dramatic readings and the presentation of the "Living the Dream" award to a community member who embodies King's ideologies. 10 a.m.-noon. Jan. 20. Jennie T. Anderson Theatre, 548 South Marietta Parkway SE, Marietta. (770) 528-8490. [cobbcounty.org](#)

### **News On 6:** [NAACP Collecting Signatures To Petition For Investigation Into Oklahoma Human Services](#)

The NAACP is collecting signatures to request a grand jury investigation into the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, the organization says. According to the civil rights organization, the petition stems from findings from [Appleseed](#), a nonprofit justice center in [Tulsa](#), which alleges wrongful removal of children from homes, overreach and misconduct from state employees.

### **Delaware Online:** [NAACP's Richard 'Mouse' Smith remembered as Delaware 'drum major of fairness and justice'](#)

Smith had been active in the NAACP since the 1960s, when the organization pushed to integrate restaurants in Wilmington. Since then, Smith held various positions in different NAACP Delaware chapters, but always with the goal of helping all who are disenfranchised and mistreated.

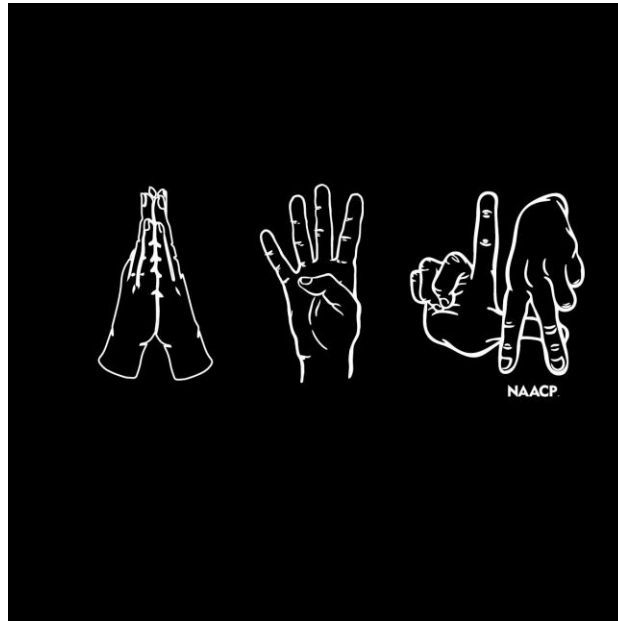
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## NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP Condemns Meta's Reversal on Content Safety, Calls for Congressional Action](#)

- [NAACP Celebrates New Rule Banning Medical Debt From Credit Scores](#)
  - [Black and Honored: 2025 Presidential Medal of Freedom Recipients](#)
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## PRAY FOR LA



With so much devastation and uncertainty across Los Angeles and the surrounding areas for those impacted by the wildfires, blame can never be the first response. We do as we have done time and time again in the face of adversity.

We pray for those essential workers risking their lives and for those families who lost loved ones.

We plan for those who have been misplaced and have lost their homes and belongings.

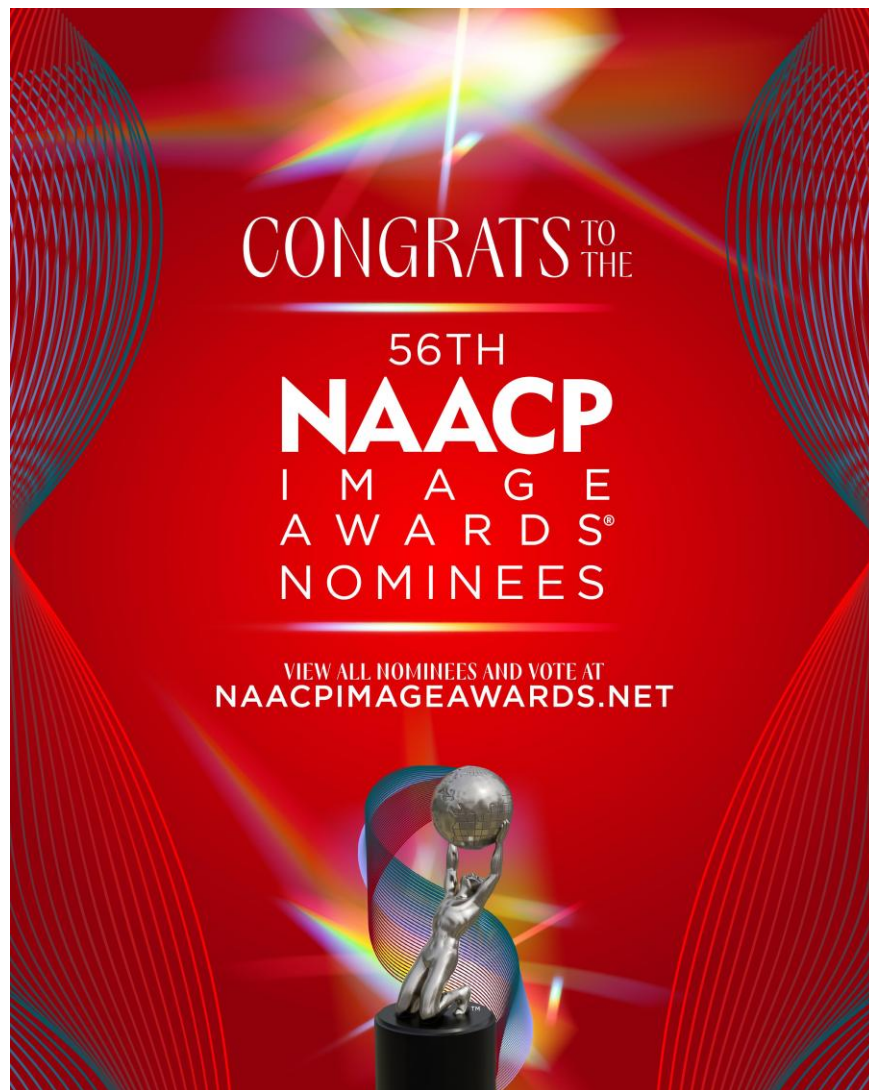
And we prepare for the future where we help rebuild our communities together.

Above all, we keep advancing together.

Your safety and recovery matter. If you or someone you know is affected by the wildfires, explore the resources in our [natural disaster guide](#) and share them with those in need.

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## 56TH NAACP IMAGE AWARDS



The nominees for the [56th NAACP Image Awards](#) were announced this week, celebrating outstanding achievements in film, television, music, literature, and beyond.

**Voting is NOW OPEN** at [www.naacpimageawards.net](http://www.naacpimageawards.net) until **February 7, 2025, at midnight (ET)**. Explore the categories and cast your vote today.

Don't miss the **LIVE TV Special** airing **Saturday, February 22, 2025, at 8 p.m. ET/PT** on BET and CBS, as we honor Black excellence and transformative storytelling.

Stay connected with us on Instagram [@NAACPImageAwards](https://www.instagram.com/NAACPImageAwards) for updates and join us in celebrating the brilliance of our community.

**Vote Now**

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**KEEP ADVANCING**



Change is on the agenda for 2025. New leaders will take office this month across the country. Climate change continues and no one knows what the economy will look like from one month to the next.

We know the only constant is change. The Black Panthers showed us the power of community and taking care of our own. And our legacy has equipped us with what we need to make it through what feels like unprecedented times.

The path to our ultimate goal - an equitable future for all - isn't a straight

line. There will be peaks of great progress and pits of setbacks. **But we keep advancing.**

The fight wasn't done when we secured the Civil Rights Act in 1964 or the Voting Rights Act in 1965. We kept fighting and advancing. Though we've helped elect candidates who look like us, the fight isn't done. We have more work to do...

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