

# NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



**MSNBC:** [NAACP: Trump's DEI executive orders are a 'radical shift in our American values'](#)

Patrice Willoughby, NAACP Chief of Policy and Legislative Affairs, joins Andrea Mitchell on MSNBC to discuss the Trump Administration's move to ban Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programs throughout the Federal Government. Willoughby addresses the impact of this decision on federal policies, and the fight for racial equity and social justice in the U.S.

**Axios:** [Trump's diversity rollback sparks civil rights outcry](#)

"We won't stand idly by," said Derrick Johnson, president of the NAACP. "Our coalition is stronger than the fears that divide us—and this fight is just beginning."

**KCRA:** [Trump administration orders federal DEI workers to go on paid](#)

[leave](#)

The NAACP also condemned the decision. “It’s really disgusting to target federal workers who’ve been charged with the goal of expanding equity and ensuring that government services benefit a wide swath of the American people,” said Patrice Willoughby, chief of policy and legislative affairs at the NAACP.

**Black Voice News:** [NAACP, Singleton Schreiber Host Virtual Town Hall for Eaton Fire Victims Re Lawsuit Against Edison](#)

“We are heartbroken and devastated by the many tragedies caused in the California fires. For over a century, the NAACP has shown up for our community in times of crisis, and this is no exception. Altadena – a community deeply rooted in Black history and homeownership – deserves justice,” stated NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson in a press statement.

**Black Enterprise:** [Ben Crump And NAACP Both Sue Southern California Electric For Eaton Fire Victims In Altadena](#)

One day later, the NAACP [joined](#) forces with Singleton Schreiber to file a lawsuit against SCE and Edison International, representing the Mahone family, whose home was completely destroyed in the Eaton Fire. According to the lawsuit, the plaintiffs, among many families displaced after losing everything in the fire, are seeking justice for the devastation caused by SCE’s negligence.

**BET:** [2025 NAACP Image Awards: Keke Palmer: Hair Laid, Legacy Made](#)

This year, Keke Palmer is dominating the NAACP Image Awards with three well-deserved nominations: Outstanding Character Voice-Over Performance (Television), Entertainer of the Year, and Outstanding Host in a Reality/Reality Competition, Game Show or Variety (Series or Special) – Individual or Ensemble. This is Keke Palmer in her element—bold, beautiful, and unforgettable. Watch the 2025 NAACP Image Awards airing Saturday, February 22nd at 8 PM ET/ 8 PM PT on BET and CBS.

**Fox29:** [Local NAACP president: Trump’s DEI order ‘smoke screen’](#)

Martin County NAACP President Jimmy Smith expressed concern about the broader implications of this decision. He warned that the effects would extend beyond minorities. “It is not only going to affect Black and brown people,” Smith said. “In order for it to affect Black and brown

people, it has to affect white people also.”

**Tallahassee Democrat:** [A march for justice: NAACP Tallahassee and others remember Martin Luther King Jr.](#)

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Tallahassee branch of the NAACP on Monday held a march to the Florida Capitol to “advance the promise of equality.”

**Tallahassee Democrat:** [Tallahassee students honored for carrying on MLK legacy at annual NAACP breakfast](#)

“It is unfinished business, and it is up to each of us to continue advancing the promises of equality and justice,” NAACP President Adner Marcelin said.

**KOMU 8:** [Columbia NAACP chapter gathers community members to honor Martin Luther King Jr.’s legacy](#)

On a frigid morning, several members of the Columbia NAACP and other community members gathered at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial at Battle Gardens to pay homage and honor the legacy of the civil rights activist.

**Cape Cod Times:** [NAACP Cape Cod is moving beyond ‘I Have a Dream’ MLK Jr. annual service](#)

Through their art, students created their own take on King, said NAACP executive member Rick Draper — leaning heavily on King’s later-in-life thoughts about economic and political equality. Their work, said Draper, is based on King’s quote “Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

**Click On Detroit:** [Detroit NAACP celebrates leadership, executive committee at annual ceremony](#)

It was a special night for Detroit’s NAACP branch, as a ceremony was held to appoint this year’s officers and executive committee.

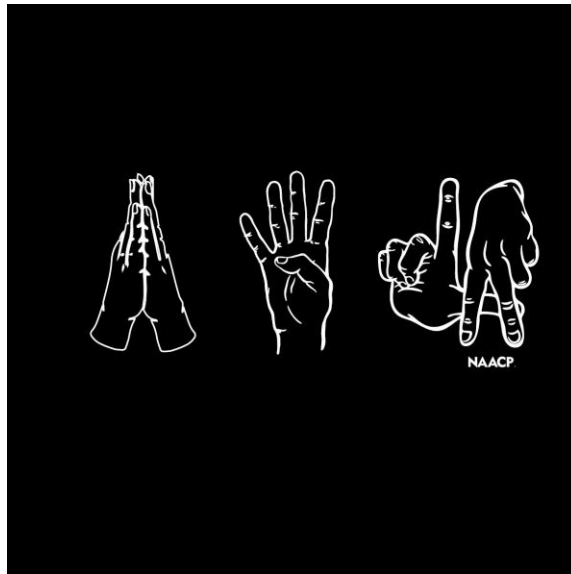
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## NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP President Condemns Trump Administration’s Roll Back of DEI Programs](#)

- [NAACP Commends President Biden's Clemency Actions During His Final Hours in the White House](#)
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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 [LA Wildfire Relief Resources](#) and share them with those in need.**

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:** Visit our [YouTube Channel](#) to watch the [Eaton Fire Resource Fair and Town Hall](#), where NAACP, in partnership with the law firm Singleton Schreiber addressed the aftermath of the Eaton Fire and provided those impacted with the tools and resources needed to rebuild and recover.

[Watch Town Hall](#)

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## 116TH NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION



Mark your calendars for the [116th NAACP National Convention](#), taking place from **July 12–16, 2025**, in **Charlotte, North Carolina**. This is a pivotal opportunity to confront the challenges of our time, celebrate Black brilliance, and unite for the critical work ahead.

As we prepare for this defining moment, we'll be sharing updates on registration, programming, and the powerful voices joining us in Charlotte. Your dedication to justice and equity makes all the difference, and we can't wait to come together to amplify our impact.

[Stay tuned for more details](#), and thank you for your continued support as we drive progress and build a brighter future.

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## LAUNCH

A Special Health  
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**JANUARY 30, 2025**  
7PM | Virtual Meeting

Join us for a special forum to launch the NAACP and Sanofi ACE Your Health initiative and kick off the community engagement track of this transformative partnership. During this session, we'll highlight the ACE model's critical role in advancing health equity and unveil our community health survey.

Guest Speaker  
**YVETTE NICOLE  
BROWN**

**REGISTER TODAY!**

Advancing health equity has never been more critical. With natural disasters disproportionately affecting Black communities and a new administration poised to reshape federal health policy, there's no time to wait.

On **Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 7 p.m. ET**, we're proud to launch the [NAACP and Sanofi ACE Your Health](#) initiative.

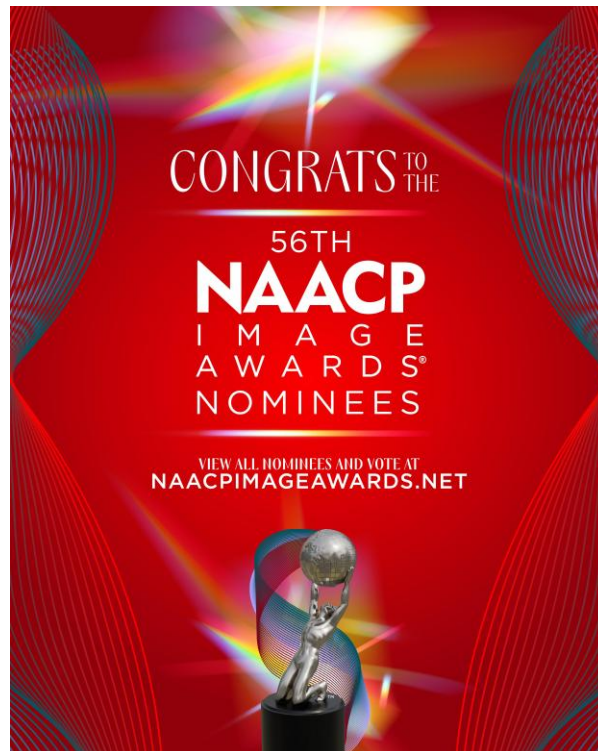
During this event, we'll dive into equitable health solutions and unveil our community health survey.

Join us. Together, we can create healthier, stronger communities.

**RSVP**

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## 56TH NAACP IMAGE AWARDS



The nominees for the [56th NAACP Image Awards](#) have been announced, 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](#) 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 took 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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